



## Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel

June 14, 1964 - July 25, 2015

Joel Wayne McNiel, 51, also known as Blue, was born June 14, 1964 in Tahlequah, OK to Jerry Wayne McNiel and Lavonna (Christie) and passed away Saturday, July 25, 2015 in Clarington, Ohio.

Joel grew up in Tahlequah, and attended Tahlequah Public Schools. Joel was a cowboy. He traveled the rodeo circuit riding bareback and was known to ride a bull now and then. Blue was an outdoorsman, fishing, hunting, going to the creek, and cooking out with family and friends was his passion. Joel also enjoyed working with leather. He and his wife Mary enjoyed riding motorcycles and sight-seeing wherever his job took them. Blue was a Certified Welding Inspector and traveled the country working on the pipeline. He was very proud of his Cherokee Heritage and what it meant to be Native American. More than anything, Joel was a Husband a Dad and a Papa. Nothing was more important to him than his family.

Joel was preceded in death by his father; Jerry Wayne McNiel, and his granny; Delora Hendricks.

He is lovingly survived by his wife; Mary (Todd) McNiel, his kids; Makayla Winsett and husband Justin, Falon McNiel and Justin Davis, Tiffany (Todd) McPherson and husband Cory, and Cameron Todd and wife Ashley, grandkids; Bryton McPherson, Kayson McPherson, Jaelynn Winsett, Daxton McPherson and Canon Todd, an aunt; Nita Sue Barnes, cousins; Brian Barnes and wife Barb, Benny Barnes and wife Tash, Tommy Barnes and wife Jeanie, Janice Carr and husband George, and Roy Dell Barnes and wife Beth,

his dogs; Trigger and Hoss, and many friends.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 31, 2015 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends from 5PM-7PM.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 10:00AM in the Cherokee County Fairgrounds Building in Tahlequah with Brother John Rozell officiating. Interment will follow in the Hendricks Cemetery with Brandon Trammel, Drew Carr, Cody Quetone, Tyler Keys, and Hayden Harris serving as casket bearers. Serving as honorary casket bearers are Larry Newton, Kenny Harris, Andy Quetone, Jay Steely, Dennis Keys, Shane Vonschiltz, Don Veretto, Haskell Murphy, and Dugan Forrest.

Family request in lieu of flowers you can make a donation in Joel's name to Wounded Warrior Project @ [woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate](http://woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate), Youth Bull Riding Association and Junior Bull Riding Association @ [njbranow.org/Donate](http://njbranow.org/Donate) or any Children's Medical Association.

The family of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNeil has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service 1224 E Poplar Fort Gibson, OK 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hendricks Cemetery

Hwy 62  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cherokee County Fairgrounds  
S 497 Rd  
Park Hill, OK 74464

# Tribute Wall



“ Joel *"Blue"* Wayne McNiel

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Mary and family.*



**Monica and Richard Benzer** - August 06, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Mary and family my dear true blue friend. From what I was around joel he was a great person and I know he will will be missed by everyone who knew him. May God bless each and everyone of you. Love you Mary you will always have the memories and he will always be in your heart always and forever. Chessie sartin*



**Cameron Keeton** - August 01, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Becky Cole lit a candle in memory of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel*



**Becky Cole** - August 01, 2015 at 08:11 AM

DG

“ *Debbie And David Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel*



Debbie and David Gilbert - August 01, 2015 at 12:25 AM

DG

*Here is a Blue candle for you Mr. Blue*

Debbie and David Gilbert - August 01, 2015 at 12:27 AM

CC

“ *Heaven gained one heck of a great guy. Will always cherish the memories & laughs we shared throughout the years. You're gonna be missed by many!!! Cathy Callaway & Timmy Joe Callaway*



cathy callaway - July 31, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ *My Deepest condolences to Joel's family - close and distant. I went to High school with Joel and fondly remember him as a wonderful guy, with a HUGE passion for the Rodeo. I was very saddened to hear he is riding up in God's country now. Prayers for healing. Jamie (Hodge) Burnett*

Jamie Burnett - July 31, 2015 at 03:14 PM

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“ Apex Remington: Jeff, John, Larry, Alex, Jeff, Daniel purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel.



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**Apex Remington: Jeff, John, Larry, Alex, Jeff, Daniel** - July 31, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel.



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July 31, 2015 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ Be sure and check your clock Joel "MacNeal" and someday we can have another rock throwing contest. Rest in peace my friend.  
Jeff Bogle

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**Jeff Bogle** - July 30, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Joel was my little Brother but when we were around each other he was very protective. He had the best laugh and hugs he loved kids cause he was a big kid himself . He truly loved Mary and I am so glad they had the time they had together. I am going to truly miss you Joe your onery self just wish I could hug you. He was a great Dad and was always thinking of his girls. He could not have been any prouder of them and his granddaughter. The world lost a wonderful man. Prayer for my sister inlaw and family. We will be with him again. Love Marcie

marcie harris - July 30, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Bronc McMullen's Appalachian Pipeline Contractor's Spread purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joel "Blue" Wayne McNiel.



Bronc McMullen's Appalachian Pipeline Contractor's Spread  
- July 30, 2015 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ Randy and I met Joel and Mary in Wyoming, they were inspecting on a pipeline job. They came over and had tacos with us. We also had a cook out. We was there a short time and then got sent our separate ways. Joel may you RIP. Randy and I send our love and prayers to all of the family. Mary May God be with you and give you the comfort and strength in the following days. Love to you all.

*Randy and Joyce Ballard*

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joyce ballard - July 29, 2015 at 05:40 PM

VC

“ Aw a wonderful husband and provider to one of the sweetest ladies I personally know. You always did what you thought needed to take care of your family. The grand babies are sure going to miss you. I will never forget the taste of your T-bones that would melt in my mouth when you grilled out. You will be deeply miss from this day forward. I could only imagine what is going through Hoas's mind - 'where's my daddy'? We will love you always until we meet again. May you RIP with your angel wings 🙏



*Your friend, Velvet Claborn*

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Velvet Claborn - July 29, 2015 at 07:08 AM

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“Wow...it is too hard to believe....I remember when Joel and I worked on a pipeline job together in Carthage, Texas and when Mary and I met we hit it right off. My husband was off working on another job and Mary and Joel just took me in and fed me just about every single night. They took care of me and both were like Mother Hens. We all got so busy going off in different directions to different jobs and didn't talk as much as we used to but I am going to miss Joel, and Mary, my heart goes out to you my friend. I know that Joel was your life, your soul mate and your best friend and my heart sincerely hurts for you....Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

*Love and Prayers,  
Helen and Kelvin Oakley*

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**Helen M Oakley** - July 28, 2015 at 10:39 PM

DG

“Joel was the light in my Dad Jerry Wayne's heart he will be missed gone too soon love you Joe your sis Debra Grant

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**Debra Grant-Scott** - July 27, 2015 at 06:35 AM