



## Kenneth Roger Ballew

December 26, 1949 - February 9, 2018

Kenneth Roger Ballew was born on December 26, 1949 in Wichita, Kansas. He grew up in Broken Arrow, OK and graduated from high school in 1968 where he played football and was a state champion wrestler. He was drafted and joined the Marines during the Vietnam War where he was wounded in 1971 and received the Purple Heart. Ken went on to graduate from Northeastern State University in 1977. He was the owner and operator of an oil drilling rig until his retirement.

Ken had a carefree joyful spirit and a sharp sense of humor that kept those around him laughing and entertained. He enjoyed pheasant hunting with his father and friends in Kansas and fishing in the lakes and rivers of northeast Oklahoma.

Ken passed away peacefully on Friday, February 9, 2018 in Muskogee, OK surrounded by his family after a short illness.

The family would like to thank Good Neighbor Hospice for helping allow his children the honor of caring for him at home where they could enjoy every last minute with him.

A special thank you to Vickie Holland and Staff of the Jack C. Montgomery VA Hospital.

Ken is preceded in death by his mother, Maxine Ballew and granddaughter, Danielle Ballew.

He is survived by his father, Dr. Dewey Ballew D.D.S of Broken Arrow, OK; daughters, Heather Elgin and husband Brian of Fort Gibson, OK and Kendra

Ballew of Tahlequah, OK; sons, Brian Ballew and wife Kimberly of Royse City, TX and Thomas Ballew of Paris, AR; grandchildren, Keith Ballew, Caleb Ballew and Maisie Elgin; great grandchildren, Abigail, Alexis and Tidus Luke; brother, Brent Ballew and wife Lin of Tahlequah, OK, sisters, Brenda Griffin and husband Greg of Broken Arrow, OK and Linda Newkirk and husband Shawn of Broken Arrow, OK; his dog and constant companion Ziggy; many nieces, nephews and many friends.

Memorial services celebrating Ken's life will be held 10:30AM Monday, February 19, 2018 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Pastor Roy Ramsey officiating. Committal prayers and inurnment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

The family of Kenneth Roger Ballew has entrusted his cremation and services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Committal Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Roger Ballew*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Roger Ballew.*



February 16, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Love, NuAge Medical Spa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Roger Ballew.*



**Love, NuAge Medical Spa** - February 16, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Roger Ballew.*



February 16, 2018 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ *Michelle Stamper lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Michelle Stamper** - February 16, 2018 at 01:24 AM

RM

“ *Ron Medlock lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Ron Medlock** - February 13, 2018 at 10:12 PM

EH

“ *Elaine, Ernie, And Diana Henry lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Elaine, Ernie, and Diana Henry** - February 13, 2018 at 09:33 PM

HE

“ *Howard Eppinger lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**howard eppinger** - February 13, 2018 at 10:35 AM

HE

*RIP Kenny---Pat and Epp*

howard eppinger - February 13, 2018 at 10:37 AM

LS

“ *Linda Swinehart lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Roger Ballew*



Linda Swinehart - February 12, 2018 at 06:43 PM

LA

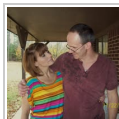
“ *Kenny, Kenny, I'm so sad...always a smile on his handsome face  
with blue eyes that would cause any girl to drool. I have fond  
memories of our high school friendship that carried on to college in  
Tahlequah, where both of our grandmothers lived. Always the best  
"kissin" buddy. Here's one last one, Kenny* 🍷

Linda (Snodgrass) Anderson - February 12, 2018 at 05:49 PM



*Well Linda that must've been about the same time that my mom and  
dad got married and were raising their newborn son, namely me.  
Interesting.*

Tom Ballew - March 01, 2018 at 09:40 PM



*Kenny was my dad*

Tom Ballew - March 25, 2018 at 11:09 PM



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**Clifford Garrett** - February 12, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Scott & Marion Tucker lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Scott & Marion Tucker** - February 11, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ *Michelle Ballew sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Michelle Ballew** - February 11, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *Michelle Ballew lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Michelle Ballew** - February 11, 2018 at 08:40 AM

CW

“ *Charlotte Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**charlotte wilson** - February 11, 2018 at 06:04 AM

DH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Debra Hixson** - February 10, 2018 at 10:07 PM

DH

“ *This is heartbreaking news for me and my family. Our love and prayers go out to all of his family, especially to you Tommy and kids and grandkids and great-grandkids. We love you. Kenny was a part of our lives during his teen years. He went on vacations with us, fishing at the lakes, to concerts and shows. He loved Charlene's french toast and butter cake. We enjoyed him so very much. We've missed him for a long time. The Lord is enjoying him now, and we'll see him again one day.*

*All our Love,  
Debbie, Raymond and Charlene*

*Paris, Arkansas*



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**Debra Hixson** - February 10, 2018 at 09:58 PM

KB

“ *Katie Brown lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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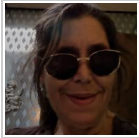
**Katie Brown** - February 10, 2018 at 08:39 PM

DD

“ *Deanna Doyle lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Roger Ballew*



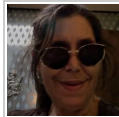
Deanna Doyle - February 10, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Kari Bohnstead lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Roger Ballew*



Kari Bohnstead - February 10, 2018 at 07:00 PM



*I miss you my friend*

Kari Bohnstead - February 10, 2018 at 07:05 PM

Shelly  
Walkingsti  
Moore

“ *Shelly Walkingstick Moore lit a candle in  
memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



Shelly Walkingstick Moore - February 10, 2018 at 01:38 PM

DB

“ *Dewey G Ballew lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Dewey G Ballew** - February 10, 2018 at 08:37 AM

SN

“ *Sasha And Hunter Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Sasha and Hunter Newkirk** - February 10, 2018 at 08:36 AM

LN

“ *Linda K Ballew Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Linda K Ballew Newkirk** - February 10, 2018 at 08:33 AM

BB

“ *Oh my dear friend save me a spot to fish with ya. I love n miss you. My life will not be the same without u. Rip glad i got to spend your last moments with you. Love always*

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**Brandy ballentine** - February 10, 2018 at 02:17 AM



*I remember kenny comin over a telling me ,he said Bob i went to theDr. An thay did some exrays and i wanted to tell you first i didnt want you to hear it from anyone eles i h  
have cancer i just cried and told him i loved him had a couple other good friends die and a puppy i know how much he thought of ziggy poor fella is prouble missin ken right now my deepest condolences to the family Kenny had a big HEART he forgave offen even when most people couldnt understand why see you soon kenny*

**Bobbie McDonald** - February 10, 2018 at 10:14 AM

EG

“ *Eric, Amanda, Dylan, Shawn Griffin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



**Eric, Amanda, Dylan, Shawn Griffin** - February 10, 2018 at 12:15 AM

EG

*From Eric, Amanda, Dylan, Shawn Griffin*

**Eric, Amanda, Dylan, Shawn Griffin** - February 10, 2018 at 12:28 AM

KG

“ *Keeley Griffin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



**Keeley Griffin** - February 10, 2018 at 12:12 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Ballew Griffin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Roger Ballew*



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**Brenda Ballew Griffin** - February 10, 2018 at 12:07 AM

GG

*From your sister and brother-in-law  
Greg and Brenda Ballew Griffin*

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**Greg Brenda Griffin** - February 10, 2018 at 12:30 AM



“ *Kenny, you were ONE TUFF dude in school, and an even TUFFER MAN afterwards, You are going to be sorely missed my Friend. God Bless You and REST IN PEACE.*

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**Jerry Medlin** - February 09, 2018 at 11:41 PM