



Marvin Ward Rockman, Jr.

June 11, 1936 - June 6, 2022

Marvin Ward Rockman, Jr., 85, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, only son of Marvin, Sr. and Lillian (Yarlott) Rockman was born in Crow Agency, Montana on June 11, 1936. They adored their only son and set very high expectations for him. Their family lived in Montana for a short while, and Muskogee, before returning to Heavener, Oklahoma where he spent his childhood years. They then moved to Poteau, Oklahoma for him to attend high school.

Marvin excelled in everything he did, he was very versatile as a young person. He was a horse jockey, fought forest fires, and competed in rodeos. He was definitely a unique and amazing person. Everyone that knows him has a story to tell.

He attended high school in Poteau, Oklahoma where he met the love of his life, Barbara, through her brother and his best friend, Roland Butler.

They married after high school, and had three children: Roxanne, Rozlyn and Marvin.

Marvin Rockman was in the first group inducted into the Poteau Hall of Fame for three sports - football, basketball and baseball in high school in 1953-1955. He starred in all three equally well. He was all-conference in football, and all-state honorable mention in all three sports.

His senior year in basketball, he scored 51 points in a single game. Rockman went on to play professional baseball for several years, before joining OG&E in 1963 until his retirement in 1994.

After retirement, he spent all his time with Barbara traveling, camping and

fishing at Lake Tenkiller. They had nine grandchildren and at this date have nine great grandchildren.

Marvin is lovingly survived by his son, Marvin Ward Rockman, III and his wife, Lorrie; daughters, Roxanne Keese, and Rozlyn Bradley; grandchildren, Michael Keese and wife, Autumn, Aubrey Rockman, Courtney Keese, Ryan Keese, Jared Rockman and wife, Mellisa, Russ Bradley and wife, Cassidy, Stephen Keese and wife, McKinzey, Morgan Rockman and Shan Bradley; great-grandchildren, Alena, Chase, Lillian, Conner and Cade Keese, Mihaela Rockman, Noah and Truman Bradley, Carter Keese and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara Helen Rockman; and his precious granddaughter, Courtney Erin Keese.

Viewing will be held 2PM-7PM Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

A celebration of Marvin's life will be 11:00AM Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Minister Dan Rouse officiating.

The family of Marvin Ward Rockman, Jr. has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **9.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JUN **22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church of Christ
806 S Lee
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Ward Rockman, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I am just learning about his passing . He was the kindest man and always had a smile on his face . I met him and Barbara at church in Tahlequah and fell in love with them both . Again so very sorry , he will be missed .*

Jodi Coward - July 30, 2022 at 08:01 PM

AJ

“ Praying for the family of Rocky. He loved his family and friends like crazy! He was a proud dad and poppa. He spoke of his wife, children and grand children so much.

I sure do miss you, Rocky! What a great man to share the same birthday. This year was sad for me but I'm sure it was the best birthday you have ever had. To be in heaven with Jesus, your sweet wife you missed so much, Courtney that you missed and talked about often, and all your other family and friends that went on before you. I miss hearing your fishing, OG&E, baseball, Bullet and Mandy, church and family stories. You loved your family and friends so much. It was an honor to know you and call you my friend. He would always keep us all in line at The Barn store where he would come in often when he was able. When it became harder for him to get in and out of his vehicle, he would pull up and honk for service. He is missed out here around the lake by his friends and fishing buddies.

Praying for the family and friends of Mr. Rockman.

Love,

Anita and Randy Jones

Anita Jones - June 21, 2022 at 03:55 PM

JB

“ There wasn't a better man born on this earth than Rocky! He left many great memories to everyone who new him. He finally rejoins Barbara his one and only! John Blake

john Blake - June 19, 2022 at 12:10 PM

CE

“ I will miss you Rocky. You were a great man and close friend. Now you can be with Barbara for eternity. Prayers for you and your family. Cindy

Cindy Ericksten - June 09, 2022 at 03:03 PM

SD

“ May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family. May the Lord shine His eyes on you, be gracious to you, and give you peace.
Sandy Hinds Dolle
I remember my uncle Rocky . When I visited in Poteau, I would visit with uncle Rocky and aunt Barbara. He was a kindhearted man with a big strong hug. I have been blessed by knowing Marvin(Rocky) as my uncle.

Sandra Hinds Dolle - June 09, 2022 at 07:17 AM

AP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family! Rocky was a great guy! He worked with my husband, Ken for many years! Great guy! Great family. Hope you all are ok. He is with Barbara now.

Ann Palmer - June 08, 2022 at 10:50 PM

HP

“ Hinds and Proctor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin Ward Rockman, Jr..



Hinds and Proctor - June 08, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JR

“ My memories of Uncle Rocky go way back to before he and Aunt Barbara were married. He was always fun to be around and he would play games with my sisters and me at our home in Fort Smith. (This was before my brother was born.) Aunt Barbara lived with us while she worked at Fort Chaffee and Uncle Rocky was a frequent visitor. One time we were playing hide and seek in the house. He hid in the front closet. Momma opened the closet door to get her coat and almost died of fright when she saw a man in the closet. (Uncle Rocky) He didn't play indoor hide and seek again. He was a very wonderful and interesting person. I was proud to call him my uncle! Love you all and I am truly sorry for hearing about his dying.

Judy Hinds Roberts - June 08, 2022 at 02:30 AM

RJ

“ I would like to give my condolences to the family may God give you strength in healing my heart in prayer goes out to you Mr. Rockman was a sweet in kind man an will be missed



Racheal Jackson - June 07, 2022 at 10:24 PM