



Rick Dewayne Holland

September 12, 1951 - March 12, 2026

Rick Dewayne Holland, of Tulsa, OK, left this earthly world on March 12, 2026. He was 74 years old.

He was born on September 12, 1951, in Amarillo, TX to Georgia Ruth (Ward) Widowski and Claude Widowski. His mother later married Vernie Lee Holland in 1955. Together as a family they moved to Coffeyville, KS. Rick attended Coffeyville public schools where he participated in various clubs and sports and graduated with the Class of 1969. He enjoyed working for the Coffeyville Journal Newspaper as a paper boy and was often paid with buffalo nickels on his routes. It was through this job that his interest in coin collecting began. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1971 and throughout his military career was stationed in Kansas, California, and Germany. He became a boxer for the Air Force and led an undefeated career, eventually winning the Military in Europe championship. He also participated in weightlifting in the Amateur Athletic Union. Rick was honorably discharged from the military in 1978 as a staff sergeant. He was a proud veteran and never missed an opportunity to reminisce about his service to his country.

While serving in the military, he attended Kansas Newman University in Wichita, KS, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He eventually went on to become a licensed real estate broker. His work in real estate would encompass his life. From 1978 to 2025 he managed commercial properties, sold real estate, and served as a broker. His work and successes were mainly in Tulsa, OK.

In 1980 he married Dee Driscoll and together they had two children, Kali and Matt. His favorite thing to be called was “Dad”, and much later in life he loved being referred to as “Grandpa Holland.”

Rick was an avid member of the Tulsa Corvette Club where he formed many friendships among the camaraderie of fellow members. His 1963 split window Corvette was his pride and joy. He was an avid New York Yankees fan and treasured the baseball trips he would take with Matt in his later years. Rick loved to collect things, mostly in the form of sports memorabilia and Native American art. He amassed a large coin collection throughout the years which he took great pride in.

Rick is survived by his daughter Kali Kotsar (Andrey), son Vernie “Matt” Holland (Whitney), grandchildren Brianna, Oliver, Elliott, Claire, and Palmer, brother Ike Holland (Leslie), sister Pam Anderson (Larry) and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Janet Lee Brown.

Viewing for Rick will be at noon before his service at 1PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with honors being presented.

The family of Rick Dewayne Holland 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 Rick's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

MAR 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal

MAR 24. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rick Dewayne Holland.*



March 24 at 09:30 AM



“ *The Shields and Mabrey Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rick Dewayne Holland.*



The Shields and Mabrey Families - March 23 at 06:06 PM



“ *Teri Snow planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Dewayne Holland.*

Teri Snow - March 23 at 01:11 PM

JG

“ Rick became a good friend last year when we visited at one of the many McAlister's Deli car shows. Rick was getting ready to have potential heart surgery and since I had that procedure several years prior he had a hundred questions. It turned out only stents were required but during a period of time he wasn't allowed to drive I took Rick to his appointments. Rick joined the Tulsa Chevy Classics and the friendship continued. Rick attended several church functions with my wife and I and at one of these luncheons I introduced Rick to Jim Bridenstein, former Navy pilot, congressman and head of NASA. Jim and Rick talked air planes at great lengths that day. Recently I introduced Rick to Dick Faurot and Rick was attending Dick's Sunday School class. I will miss seeing Rick and his red split window 63 Corvette every week at McAlister's. But even more I will miss my daily visits by text or in person with my friend Rick Holland
Jim Grisham

Jim Grisham - March 19 at 01:05 PM

CF

“ Chittum & Ratzlaff Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rick Dewayne Holland.



Chittum & Ratzlaff Family - March 18 at 11:01 PM

VH

“ Rick was my classmate in Coffeyville, Kansas! We kept in touch through our latter years through Facebook posts and took pride in being Hi Tech Senior Citizens! We were also military veterans and took pride in serving our country. He will be missed by many! LTC Verena Briley Hudson, Ret, ANC, USA.

Verena Briley Hudson - March 18 at 11:02 AM

GH

Rick and I were high school classmates. Last 4 decades Rick and I have shared many outings, football, baseball and basketball games. Our favorite outing was the first day of the fair. There we would enjoy all the fair goodies (junk food). My Friend will truly be missed

George L Haynes - March 26 at 11:27 AM

IH

“ 3 files added to the album rick



Isaac Holland - March 15 at 03:24 PM

IH

“ Rick was the best big brother, he will always be remembered and I loved and respected him so very deeply.

Isaac Holland - March 15 at 03:02 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Isaac Holland - March 15 at 02:58 PM