



## Rodney Brice Callahan

December 5, 1957 - July 7, 2022

Rodney Brice Callahan was born in Phoenix, Arizona on December 5, 1957, to Rev. Dr. Denver and Pastor Charlean Callahan. In 1963 the family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma to pastor what would later become Grace Cathedral. Rodney grew up and spent almost all of his life living in Muskogee. Through the school program, Rodney fell in love with the game of football. Naturally a tough kid, he enjoyed the way the game pushed him.

He married his high school sweetheart, Letitia "Tish" Ann Lieb, in August of 1977. They had three amazing kids together. He was sure they could do no wrong and was convinced every babysitter was a liar (This sentence is false, Rodney deeply and intentionally instilled orneriness into all three children, continuing the legacy to his grandkids).

After high school, Rodney started working construction on what would later become Georgia Pacific. This job later got him started on the ground floor of that company working his way up through shift work. He then worked for a year in Oklahoma City as a plant manager before coming back to Muskogee as a sales and service representative for paper mills in the region. During that time, he acquired his bachelor's from Bacone College. He retired in January of 2021.

After retirement, most days you could find him cutting it up on the Cherokee Trails golf course. For several years he has loved playing Fantasy Football and had some of the best times with the guys in his league. He could tackle almost any job in front of him. His activities varied throughout his life. He led a

Young Adult Sunday School Class, ran a church bus route, and coached high school football for Grace Cathedral's school, Pentecostal Academy Center. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He has raised beagles for fun and rabbit hunting. He loved cooking for the family, especially his famous Cajun boil. And for the last two years of his life, swimming pool aficionado.

In the family, he was known for his level head and words of wisdom. He asked the tough questions and challenged his kids to see every scenario objectively. He was cool under pressure and quick to crack a joke. He loved to pester his grandkids and they loved coming back for more.

Rodney Callahan passed from this life in the early morning hours on July 7, 2022. Rodney and his wife Tish passed away together in a house fire just short of 45 years married.

He is survived by: His mother, Pastor Charlean Callahan

3 Children: Derek and wife Elizabeth Callahan, Andrea and husband Dustin Jones, and Jared and wife Ashley Callahan, 7 Grandchildren: Daniel Callahan, Emily Callahan, Matthew Callahan, Ryker Jones, Charli Jones, Joni Callahan, and Jack Callahan, His brother Denver "Denny" Callahan and wife Carol and sister Robin "Missie" Callahan, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and many other extended family.

He is preceded in death by: His father, Rev. Dr. Denver Callahan.

A Celebration of Life for Rodney Callahan will be held 2PM Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the First Assembly of God in Muskogee with Reverend David Roberts officiating.

The family of Rodney Callahan has entrusted his care, service and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God  
3100 Gulick St  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Brice Callahan

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ It was a pleasure getting to know Rodney back in the Fort Howard days. My heart goes out to his family. May peace be with you during this tragedy.

**Diane Robinson** - July 14, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rodney Brice Callahan.



July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rodney Brice Callahan.



July 13, 2022 at 11:52 PM

RK

“ Rodney and Trish got to know them through Rocky King work with Rodney for years together went it was Fort Howard paper Co we became friends With both Trish and Rodney were sweet people They will be missed prayers and comfort to family with Love from Rocky and Linda King

Rocky and Linda King - July 12, 2022 at 11:14 PM

RB

Rodney Calahan was a wonderful person. I worked with him at Fort Howard. He was a great team leader. He was always willing to work and understand people. A good golfer too! He will be greatly missed. I didn't know his wife and family but I am sure they are wonderful people too! Randy Belcher  
Tahlequah Oklahoma

Randy Belcher - July 13, 2022 at 10:07 PM

LK

“ Saying “you will be missed” is an understatement. You will Truly be missed. It never will be the same teeing it up without you. Thank you for being such a joy to be around, Thank you for all the fun times we had. Thank you for being our Rock and to teach us all to not take it so serious “We are out here to fellowship with our friends” You were a pleasure to draw as a partner. You knew you were going to have a fun day. I'll miss your cigar smoke blowing into my face when we rode together. Thank you for putting up with me! And finally thanks for beating my butt the last two times we played. But hang onto my quarters I'm coming for them. And no you can't have Jim as a partner. Love you my good friend.

Larry Keese - July 12, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Brice Callahan.*



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July 12, 2022 at 12:35 AM



“ *Rodney and I played golf together. Since I am a minister, he made sure I knew about the ministries in his family. My heart ❤️ is truly heavy at this loss. May God comfort in this time. Mark Barnes*

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**Mark Barnes** - July 11, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Rod was such a great man. His laugh was infectious. Will miss all our Sunday night meet ups for Fantasy football. Rest Easy Champ!*



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**Jonathan Hawke** - July 11, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *I met Rodney at Fort Howard, he was a great boss and kind friend, will miss him dearly. Lanny & Judy Field*

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**Lanny Field** - July 11, 2022 at 11:09 AM

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“ *From childhood to our years working at the paper mill I will always remember Rodney as a positive and purposeful friend. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Tish and Rodney and our prayers for peace and comfort are for the family.*

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**Stan & Marla Epperson** - July 10, 2022 at 08:03 AM

CA

*My deepest sympathies.*

*Carolyn Allen*

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**Carolyn Allen** - July 11, 2022 at 10:18 PM