



Roger Roy Spinks

January 28, 1935 - September 12, 2023

Roger Roy Spinks, 88, of Muskogee was born January 28, 1935, to Roy and Alice (Bent) Spinks and peacefully passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in Muskogee.

He enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged November 1, 1965. Roger received his education graduating from Bacone High School and attended Bacone College.

He was a dedicated employee for the City of Muskogee, starting his career September 13, 1976, and retiring after 35 years of service. He was well known as the guy with the blue boots that worked for the water department. Roger was so proud to work for the City of Muskogee. He knew where the water lines were. He also could use a witching rod and showed all his children how to do it. He loved that certain people in the community would personally ask for him and wait till he could get there to locate the water lines for them.

Roger and John Chester started the girls' softball league at Bacone College with 6 teams, in 1965. It started with the orphanage girl's Christian youth girls' softball league. It grew later to 105 teams, which became the Green Country Girls' Softball Association. Roger coached and umpired girls' softball for over 50 years. Roger was the first certified umpire in Muskogee for girls' softball. He had the opportunity to have his daughters participate in the League while he was there at Green Country Girls' Softball Association.

Roger was an avid line dancer. His passion started when he took a class at Warner with Sharon Spinks. The teacher of the class planned to retire, and

asked if they would take the class over, where Roger taught Line and Partner dancing for over thirty years. Roger had many hobbies throughout life, enjoying silver smithing, tennis, archery, table tennis, playing the piano, and singing in the choir. Roger will be missed by many.

He is lovingly survived by his daughters; Rosalyn Spinks Davis of Wichita, KS, Rhonda Harder and Stephanie Tippie both of Muskogee; sons, Rodney 'Butch' Spinks and Sterling Spinks of Muskogee; ten grandkids and one great grandson; extended family, and many friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Gracie Coppinger and Mary Blevens; brother, John C. Spinks.

A visitation with family to greet friends 5PM-7PM Friday, September 15, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. A celebration of Roger's life will be 10AM Saturday, September 16, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Muskogee with Pastor Kevin Chartney officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Christopher Spinks, Matthew Mullican, James Mullican and Daniel Johnson serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Richard Spinks, Don Stroud, Charles Davis, Shad Harder and Scott Spinks.

The family of Roger Roy Spinks has entrusted his care, service and burial with Cliff and Carmen Garrett and Staff at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. Online condolences may be left for the Spinks family at clifforddgarrettfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York
Muskogee, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

SEP **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)
1020 West Okmulgee Ave
Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 910-8883

Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
111 South 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Cheryl Moses lit a candle in memory of Roger Spinks



Cheryl (Fletcher) Moses - September 27, 2023 at 01:50 AM

CM

“ I learned so much about playing softball from Roger. I played many years for him & we practiced at Murrow field. My dad Jack Fletcher helped him coach some. He loved the sport & I was 12 then. He sure loved his family & friends. Sorry to hear of him passing. I have many fond memories & learned so much from him. Rest in peace Roger. Cheryl (Fletcher) Moses

Cheryl (Fletcher) Moses - September 27, 2023 at 01:46 AM

SM

“ My condolences to the family, so sad to hear of Rogers passing. He was a very respected man and knew what he was doing . I learned dance from him and he made sure we did it right. It was a pleasure to know him.

Shirley Mccowan - September 15, 2023 at 11:36 PM

JA

“ Our condolences to the family, we were sad to hear of Rogers passing. I recall meeting him several times at Pats and he was always friendly, he gave me a flashlight one time and I was told he liked to give flashlights. Please find comfort that he is just resting. Rev. Edgel and Jane Samuel

Jane - September 15, 2023 at 01:44 PM

GW

“ I remember Rodger djing at your dance class. When I visited him at the nursing home he use to tell me so many stories about the people he use to teach and how proud he was of what Stephanie was making of his dance class. My dad even said Rodger would brag about how far his daughter has built up his dance class. He touched so many peoples lives and will be greatly missed.



Gwen - September 14, 2023 at 01:50 PM