



## Rowe Dean 'Dink' Ragsdale

September 28, 1934 - August 1, 2024

Rowe Dean Ragsdale, commonly known as 'Dink', 89, of Fort Gibson, OK, was born September 28, 1934, in Fort Gibson, OK, to Jesse Mack and Martha Ellen (Hall) Ragsdale and passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 1, 2024, in Muskogee, OK.

Dink attended Fort Gibson Public School and enlisted in the United States Army, during his Senior year, in April of 1954. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged in February of 1956. In December of 1956, he married Charlene Rolland of Ft. Gibson and spent 44 years by her side.

Dink was an auto mechanic by trade his entire life. He worked at Eddie Warrior Correctional Facility, as a Maintenance Instructor, for several years before retiring in 1996. He enjoyed fishing, mowing, tinkering with small engines and bingo. He also enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas, Nevada. His number one passion though was his family, especially his grandkids. He was a long-time member of the Fort Gibson First Baptist Church.

Dink is preceded in death by his wife, Charlene; his parents, Jesse Mack and Martha Ellen Ragsdale; granddaughter, Crystal Lynn Gauntt; Charlene's parents, Charlie and Leona Rolland; one brother, Harold Ragsdale; six sisters, Annabelle Williams, Margaret Gragg, Imogene Luellen, Dorsey Herzog, and Kay Harrison; and his companion, Mary Sue McKinney.

Those left to cherish Dink's memory are his daughters, Paula Gauntt and husband Tim, and Marcy Ragsdale all of Fort Gibson, OK; son, Douglas

Ragsdale of Fort Gibson, OK; granddaughters, Khadney Payne of Fort Gibson, OK, Callie Johnson and husband Don of Muskogee, OK, Cammie Banks and husband Billy of Fort Gibson, Skye Morris and husband Andy of Fort Gibson, OK; grandsons, Cody Parker and wife Kim of Tahlequah, OK, Adam Parker of Fort Gibson, Brant Parker of Dallas, TX; great grandchildren, Kaebyn Payne, Kree Lynn Payne, Presley Parker, Grayson Parker, Bentley Riley, Sawyer Banks, Ashlyn Banks, Annabell Morris, Lucas Morris, and Kaydan Morris; extended family; and numerous friends.

A visitation with family receiving friends will be 2PM-4PM, Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Rowe's life will be held 11AM, Monday, August 5, 2024, at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Chaplain Chris Jones officiating. Cody Parker, Brant Parker, Kelly Gilliam, Jeff Gilliam, Scott Wafford, and Marty McFarland will be serving as honorary casket bearers. Full military honors will be observed.

The family of Rowe Dean Ragsdale 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 Ragsdale family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Rest in Peace cousin.*

Greg Delcour - August 20, 2024 at 09:09 PM

GD

“ *Greg Delcour lit a candle in memory of Rowe Ragsdale*



Greg Delcour - August 20, 2024 at 09:07 PM

NC

“ *Nicole Carter lit a candle in memory of Rowe Ragsdale*



Nicole Carter - August 05, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JK

“ *joe karnes lit a candle in memory of Rowe Ragsdale*



joe karnes - August 04, 2024 at 07:00 PM

DG

“ *Dianna G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rowe Dean 'Dink' Ragsdale.*

Dianna G. - August 04, 2024 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ *Jeanie beavers lit a candle in memory of Rowe Ragsdale*



Jeanie beavers - August 04, 2024 at 03:38 PM

EM

“ *I have so many great memories of my Uncle "Dinky". All the summers when we would travel to Ft. Gibson and have those large reunions at Granny and Pops Tenkiller cabin. He would tease me with great glee. I remember fishing with him off the boat dock. He had great love for his family. I always looked forward to seeing him. My favorite uncle! What a reunion he is now having with the fabulous 7 and Granny and Pop in heaven!*

Ellyn Merendino - August 02, 2024 at 12:10 PM