



Eugene Davis O'Kelley Jr

February 10, 1951 - July 19, 2020

Eugene “Dave” O’Kelley Jr., passed from this life July 19, 2020 in Clinton, Oklahoma at age 69. Dave was born on February 10, 1951 in Greenville, South Carolina to Eugene Davis O’Kelley Sr., and Nell (Saxon) O’Kelley. He grew up and went to school in Greenville, South Carolina and graduated from Carolina High School in 1969. After graduation Dave joined the United States Air Force as a Crew Chief B52 Airplane Mechanic at Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Oklahoma where served his country for 5 years and 4 tours of duty during the Vietnam War. While enlisted Dave meet Billie Kay Holliday and married February 2, 1971 and to this union Eugene Davis “Trey” O’Kelley III and Katy Nanette O’Kelley were born. He and his family lived many places, Greenville, South Carolina, Wolfe City, Texas, Greenfield, Oklahoma, and Lone Wolf, Oklahoma to name a few. Dave later met and married Susan (Spaeth) Bedwell April 24, 1990 and to that union a son was born John “Tanner” O’Kelley. He was a family man and a very devoted Christian as he attended various churches everywhere his family called home with the Cowboy Church being among one of his Christian family favorites. Dave loved traveling, he traveled to many, many different places while owning numerous trucking services over the course of several years. Mexico was among his favorite trips to make for getaways. Dave was an avid motorcycle rider and member of the VFW. He devoted his time to helping out his fellow soldiers during their military affairs, he helped many through their PTSD and aided in any way he could lending a helping hand.

Dave is survived by his mother Nell (Saxon) O'Kelley of Greenville, South Carolina, his two sons John "Tanner" O'Kelley of Okeene, Oklahoma and Eugene "Trey" O'Kelley and wife Tammy of Watonga, Oklahoma, his daughter Katy Nanette O'Kelley of Paris, Texas, his sister Pam Brock of Spartanburg of South Carolina, and four grandchildren, Cope O'Kelley, Skylar Brower, Shawn O'Kelley and Sam Ridenhour. He was preceded in death by his father Eugene Davis O'Kelley Sr., and his infant daughter Melody Layne O'Kelley.

A Private Family Memorial Service for Dave will be held Friday, July 24, 2020 at Ft. Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma where the United States Air Force Honor Guard will perform Honors with Pastor TC Perkins of Thomas, Oklahoma officiating.

Online condolences for Dave can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativ
efuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Davis O'Kelley Jr

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Eugene Davis O'Kelley Jr

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We attended church with him, his parents and sister, Pam when he was a teenager and then after he married and had Trey and Katie, we have good memories of those days at Greenville First Wesleyan. Our prayers are with the OKelley family during this time. (Billy and JoAnn Davis send condolences.)

JoAnn Davis - July 24, 2020 at 07:02 AM



So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I haven't seen Dave in probably 50 years, but have lots of memories of us as cousins when we were children when the Saxon family would get together. I've kept up when his life through his mom , my Aunt Nell. May he Rest In Peace. Aunt Nell and Pam my heart and prayers are with you . Love, Marilyn Cantrell Myers and family.

marilyn myers - July 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM

MC

“ So sorry to learn of David’s passing.
I grew up across the street from the O’Kelley’s. My brother and I
spent many hours playing with David during our childhood.
My deepest sympathies to David’s families, Nell and Pam.

marett cobb - July 23, 2020 at 04:57 PM

PB

“ Dave,

Even though we were not very close I was honored to have you has
my brother.
You will be missed by all that loves you.
Go rest high on that mountain.
Tell Daddy I said hello

Love you
Pam

Pam Brock - July 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM

MD

“ Mom, Pam, David, and Debbie purchased the Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Eugene Davis O’Kelley Jr.



Mom, Pam, David, and Debbie - July 23, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Eugene Davis O'Kelley Jr.*



July 22, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *James & Ruby Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Eugene Davis O'Kelley Jr*



James & Ruby Sutherland - July 21, 2020 at 11:00 PM