



Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell Jr.

April 2, 1957 - December 27, 2020

Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell, Jr., passed from this life on December 27, 2020 at age 63 in Mangum, Oklahoma. He was born on April 2, 1957 to Martin Thurman Nickell, Sr., and Vickie (Smith) Nickell in Mangum. Chipper grew up in Granite, Oklahoma, where he attended and graduated from Granite High School. After graduation Chipper went to work as a Guard for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1985, then later received his welding teaching certificate. He worked for 34 years at Oklahoma D.O.C's CareerTech Skills Center until he retired April 2, 2019. Welding wasn't just a career for Chipper but a hobby of his as well. Chipper taught many students with a high percentage success rate. Chipper was a member of the Granite Police Department and Greer County Sherriff Department for serval years, he also retired as a volunteer firefighter for the Granite Fire Department after 22 faithful years of service., and for a short time partnered with family and operated the Nickell Sand and Gravel Company out of Granite and surrounding counties. Chipper and Ouida Jarvis married on June 4, 1994 and enjoyed 26 1/2 years of bliss together. He and Ouida loved to travel back to Red River, New Mexico where they went on their honeymoon. They enjoyed taking his motorcycle on long road trips and enjoyed exploring on the way. Chipper loved spending time with his grandchildren and teaching them the ropes of life and being ornery along the way. He loved to be outdoors working in his yard and grilling every chance he could get. Chipper was instrumental in building the "First Lighted Cross" on the top of Granite Mountain. "Out of all

the jobs he had done, the most important was taking care of his family, the best that anyone could ask for! He was the best husband, son, dad, brother, uncle and papa you could ever have.” He will be missed deeply!” Chipper is survived by his wife Ouida Nickell of the home, his mother Vickie Nickell, his son Kyle Miller and wife Amy, daughters Krystle Howes, Dusty McAlexander and Shelly Helling, brother Terry Nickell and sister Machel Kamphaus and husband Bobby, brother-in-law Gene Jarvis and wife Cathy, sister-in-law Phyllis Jarvis, his grandchildren Ryker, Aiden, Corbin, Aly, Jet and Michael, and nephew Kyle Kamphaus, niece Kali Young and husband Ian, and a host of relatives, loved ones and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Martin “Nick” Nickell, Sr., one son Terry Miller, his maternal grandparents George and Alberta Smith, his mother-in-law Rheba Jarvis and father-in-law Elvin “Sam” Jarvis, brother-in-laws Gerald Jarvis and Ronnie Robinson, sister-in-law Sharon Robinson and his grandson Cory Miller.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials can be made in Chipper’s name to the Granite Fire Association, 420 N.Main, Granite, OK., 73547.

Public viewing for Chipper will begin on Thursday, December 31, 2020, 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family to receive friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located on 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma 580-846-9018.

Online condolences for Chipper can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I went to prison when I was 18 and I met chipper about 3 years into my 6 year stay. I asked him to teach me how to weld and he said "go get your ged and I'll teach you how to weld" He kept his word and when I was 25 I got out and started welding. Fast forward 12 years I'm still out of prison, still welding, and have a family. I wonder how different my life would be if he had said no.

Jimmy Williams - June 14, 2025 at 06:47 PM



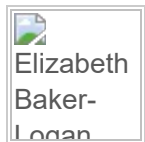
“ Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell Jr.

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ Elizabeth Baker-Logan lit a candle in memory of Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell Jr.



Elizabeth Baker-Logan - January 08, 2021 at 12:45 AM

TL

“ I don't know Chipper, but I am a part of the DOC family and just wanted to tell you how sorry I am. I've looked at his picture numerous times and he looks so happy and I see how many years he worked for the department. He must've enjoyed his work. God bless you all and may the Holy Spirit comfort you in this time of loss.

Tammie Lauer,
WSKCC dental care asst.

Tammie Lauer - January 04, 2021 at 12:27 PM

BR

“ I was very sorry to hear about Chipper. He touched a lot of students lives in his years teaching. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Barrett Richardson - January 03, 2021 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ Ouida and Krystle, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I was so sorry to read of Chippers passing. He had a laugh and smile I will never forget.

Mary Ault - January 01, 2021 at 11:50 PM

SH

“ Chipper Nickell was a great person with a kind heart and patience to spare. Im truly grateful to have had him in mine and Cory's life. Chipper will never be forgotten and Peace to all of his family and friends. With love and great respect.

Always Shelly

Shelly Helling - January 01, 2021 at 02:42 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Shelly Helling - January 01, 2021 at 02:20 PM

SH

Cory so admired and loved his Grandpa Chipper

Shelly Helling - January 01, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



People's Cooperative Funeral Home - December 31, 2020 at 10:37 AM

BJ

So sorry to hear this. Prayer to his family 🙏

Beverly Jewell - December 31, 2020 at 10:52 AM

SH

Great pictures of such wonderful people

Shelly Helling - January 01, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RA

“ So sorry to hear about Chipper. Such a happy and compassionate guy with an infectious smile, a friend to everyone he met. Sending my sincere condolences to the family. Rocie Autry-Hammond



Rocie AutryHammond - December 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DA

“ On behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Business Services Administration team, we extend our sincere condolences and sympathy. You are in our constant thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort.

DOC Business Services Administration - December 30, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CP

“ Your laugh and smile was contagious. Your kindness you shared will live on forever.

christi pugh - December 30, 2020 at 05:54 PM

OC

“ The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is saddened by the announcement of the passing of Martin “Chipper” Thurman Nickell, Jr. The agency was blessed to have such a dedicated individual. Please know that you are not alone as the thoughts and prayers of all your ODOC family surround you at this time. May your beautiful memories sustain you and bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections - December 30, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JC

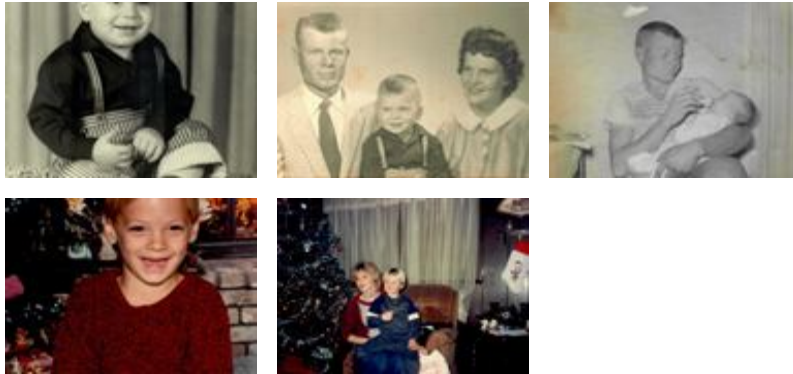
“ I met Chipper when he was at WKCC. I didn't work with him very long, but it is easy to understand why he had the nickname 'Chipper.' He was always ready with a big smile and kind word. My condolences to family and friends.

Janelle Casey

Janelle Casey - December 30, 2020 at 05:42 PM



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People's Cooperative Funeral Home - December 30, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Martin "Chipper" Thurman Nickell Jr..



December 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM

NS

“ Every time I went to his office and say "Old buddy, Old friend", he'd laugh and say "What is it going to cost me now?", and he was right, I needed his help with something, then we'd joke around for a while, and he always helped me out with whatever I needed to get done! A wonderful guy with a wonderful sense of humor, miss you "Old Buddy, Old Friend, R.I.P."

Sak and Linda Sakmari

NAIL SAKMARI - December 30, 2020 at 10:09 AM

ND

Chipper was one of the happiest persons I have ever known. He was always laughing, and so much fun to work with. He will be missed by many! My condolences to his family! ❤️❤️ Nancy Dillahunty and family

Nancy Dillahunty - December 30, 2020 at 10:55 AM

TA

“ RIP Chipper..
You will be missed by many

Teresa Allen - December 29, 2020 at 11:34 PM

BA

"Chip" was the first person I met when our family moved to Granite in 1965....we played in the rock ditch that day (all day). He was such a fun loving guy and a true friend!!! R.I.P. my friend.

Bill Allen

Bill Allen - December 30, 2020 at 11:10 AM