



## Rodney Ray Dunkin

August 23, 1941 - October 5, 2020

Graveside services for Rodney Ray Dunkin will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 12, 2020, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2020, at the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Pastor Drew Kirtley and Rev. Ron Pingleton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. At 2:30 p.m. there will be "A Tribute to the Love and Life of Rod Dunkin" at the Graceful Arts, 523 Barnes Street, Alva. \*Masks are required at the Memorial service and at Graceful Arts.\*

Rodney Ray Dunkin, son of the late Ray E. Dunkin and Vaudith (Hensley) Dunkin, was born August 23, 1941, in Woodward, Oklahoma, and passed away in peace with his daughter by his side on October 5, 2020, at the age of 79 years , 1 month and 12 days.

Rod moved to Tallent, Oklahoma, with his parents and later Barnsdall, Oklahoma, graduating from Barnsdall High School with the class of 1959. He graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Art. He went on to serve in the Armed Forces and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was honorably discharged on July 22, 1968, with the National Defense Service Medal. Rod received a GI Bill, and completed his Master's Degree in Psychology from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He was united in marriage to Donna McNeil in 1970.

Rod discovered his talent in 6th grade when he was given an assignment to draw the Anheuser- Busch eagle and aced that assignment, as he did his life. He taught art and coached the girl's golf team with his colleague and friend, Steve Parkhurst, at Alva Senior High School for over 35 years. In May, 1985, he was united in marriage to Cecilia Kay Parkhurst in Alva. He later retired and worked at the Alva Wal Mart for 15 years with many friends and former students and taught art classes part time at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was an amazing and avid golfer and a member of the Alva Golf and Country Club. He participated with

many winning teams in the Nescatunga Golf Tournament. His talent and passion as an artist created many beautiful, thoughtful paintings throughout the years. These included pen and ink drawings of historical landmarks in the Alva area, watercolors, and oils. He dabbled in creating pottery and jewelry with his influence being Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico, and inspiration from nature. For many years he assisted his wife with catering social events around the Alva area.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Cecie.

Rod is survived by his daughter, Kellie Dunkin, husband, Brett Lane and grandson, Cole Dunkin of Denver, Colorado, his son, Ryan Dunkin of Dallas, Texas, his cousins, Dennis Dunkin, wife Llew, Steve Dunkin, wife Mary, and David Dunkin, his step mother, Dortha Dunkin, and sisters Anne Place and Robyn Barkett and many other relatives and friends that he considered family.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the NWOSU Foundation, the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or to the Alva Goldbug Foundation (Checks must be made payable to CFO).

The services will be broadcast live on the Marshall Funeral Home page on Facebook.

Masks will be required in all services.

# Cemetery

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**Alva Municipal Cemetery**  
Flynn Street  
Alva, OK, 73717

# Events

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- OCT

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Graveside service

11:00AM

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street, Alva, OK, US, 73717
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Memorial Service

01:00PM

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

821 College, Alva, OK, US, 73717
- OCT

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Tribute

02:30PM

Graceful Arts

523 Barnes Street, Alva, OK, US, 73717

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Service



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - October 19 at 06:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Graveside Service



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“ Love and Respect.  
Jon Linder

**Jon Linder** - October 15 at 04:23 PM

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“ Rsod Cici will be missed by many, including yours truly. I remember them both while at NWOSU in the 1960s. Rod was a fun guyh to be around and always had the 'perfect' shine on his shoes. He had a great personal connection with many of the athletes and was a pretty good golfer himself. In recent years, our trails crossed again when Rod and Cici hosted a few of us after one of the NW homecoming days at their house. Fun to reconnect and relive some of the stories, most of which grew in size some. In the last couple of years, Rod has helped me in confirming some information about the first Indians and Blacks and others of color to attend and play a sport at NW. I'm glad that they will still be around in spirit when that book comes out early in 2021. ... Clifton Savoy

**Clifton Savoy** - October 12 at 11:52 AM



“ Cory & Angela Mclean purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



Cory & Angela Mclean - October 12 at 09:24 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



October 11 at 12:08 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



October 10 at 05:44 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - October 09 at 06:24 PM



“ Rest in peace my friend, and give Cecie a big heavenly hug for me! Just like you to get up there to celebrate her birthday (September 30). You both have given the precious memories of wonderful friendship: Always graciously extending to me the services of the Dunkin Bed & Breakfast when I returned to Alva for Northwestern events; also for welcoming our rowdy Ranger crowd to "tailgate" on your patio after Homecoming games (when Cecie would always whip up some of her wonderful, yummy food creations)! Thank you both for the timeless memories! Your crowns and halos are shining bright!!

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**Judy Wolgamott** - October 09 at 12:44 PM

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“ I first met Rod in Art Class at the college when I was a freshman. We sat by each other. We were asked to do a painting and I saw what Rod painted and I felt so inferior. He was a great artist. Rod was a very nice man and I respected his wonderful talent. I often had him to check me out at Walmart where we could visit. I was privileged to be able to teach his two children Kellie and Ryan, two great students. I will always remember Rod as a kind friend, great artist and very friendly. Our sympathy and prayers to Rod's family. God bless all of you.

**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - October 09 at 11:23 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



October 08 at 04:33 PM

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“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



October 08 at 01:42 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Ray Dunkin.



October 07 at 08:37 PM

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“ Mr. Duncan was my art teacher in high school. We all loved him and he was a good teacher.. sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Rod.  
Caroline Barrett Snyder

**caroline barrett snyder** - October 07 at 03:20 PM



“ he was a handsome college student very popular when I met him. He was a delight to be around. He was a very talented artist. My respects to his family.

**linda stewart** - October 09 at 02:09 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy in the passing of Rod. Heaven has gained an amazing artist!!

**Dale Vaughna Schmidt** - October 06 at 10:32 AM

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“ Very sorry to see Rod's photo here. I enjoyed having him check my groceries at WalMart in Alva. May he rest in peace....



**Dudley & Jeanne Winn** - October 06 at 12:40 AM



“ This saddens me! He was such a nice man at school! I think all students lived him as a teacher! I know mine did! God Bless Your Family! I know you'll be missed!

**Lavetta** - October 06 at 05:09 PM



“ Rod was a good friend and a tremendous Ranger. In my stay at Northwestern we had many good times which I will not forget. We would return for the Ranger Football Golf tournament year each and Rod always had something going for us on Saturday night. I will miss Rod and feel much sadness as another old Ranger rides off into the sunset. Mike Garrison

**Michael E Garrison** - October 08 at 09:14 AM



“ Mr. Duncan was our golf coach at AHS, so I knew him as "coach", and still call him that more than 25 years later. Coach was always in a good mood, even when driving us to tournaments at four in the morning. He often had an encouraging word --- or even a critique if you needed it, which I often did and benefited from. After he retired, every time we ran into him at Wal-Mart, it was great to catch up, and he was always happy to see us and eager to hear how life was going. He was a very good man, lived his life well, and I am very glad to have known him.

**Scott Major** - October 08 at 10:10 AM