



Gary Dale Heaton

December 2, 1952 - March 8, 2025

Memorial services for Gary Heaton will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ron Pingelton officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Gary Dale, son of the late Joseph D. and Doris E. (Bickel) Heaton, was born December 2, 1952, at Alva, and passed away March 8, 2025, at Midwest City, at the age of 72 years, 3 months, and 6 days.

Gary was born and raised in Alva where he graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1971 and later graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1976. He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was self-employed as a welder and carpenter. Gary enjoyed watching his nephews in all their activities, watching and announcing rodeos, attending any Ranger and Goldbug sports, country western dancing, hunting, and, of course, McDonald's with the coffee group.

Besides his parents, Joe and Doris, he was preceded in death by a great nephew, Josten Heaton; aunt, Pat Percival; uncles, Richard Heaton and Ronnie Heaton; and a cousin, Terry Percival.

Gary is survived by his brothers, Joe Heaton and his wife, DeeAnne, of

Edmond, and Dan Heaton and his wife, Karen, of Alva; nephews, Andrew Heaton, Adam Heaton, Jeff Heaton and his wife, Jaci, and Derek Heaton and his wife, Beth; great nephews; great niece; uncle, Bill Percival; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the NWOSU Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel
230 Flynn
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Gary and I met at a dance outside of Waco TX. He asked me to dance and I told him I was from Indiana and couldn't because I did not know how. He thanked me anyway and started to walk away when I told him “But I'd like to learn!” He taught me to dance and we never stopped after that whenever we would run into each other. He camped with my husband and I sometimes when we would meet up and we both thoroughly enjoyed his company. Such a genuine and thoughtful guy. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Even though I haven't been back to Texas or Oklahoma for 8 years, we always communicated on holidays and his birthday. My husband and I visited him and “Mack” several times in Alva and I even got him to dance with me in the lobby of the rehab center after his stroke. It was awkward to say the least, but just like always, we laughed and had a great time! He left me with such fond memories! ❤️ Pat Hillis, Indiana

Patricia Hillis - April 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM



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Marshall Funeral Homes - March 19, 2025 at 11:20 PM

VS

“ So many fun memories of Gary!! He was a special friend of ours; one of a kind! He's healed now, & can dance to his hearts content!! He's so happy, now, as long as he's not offered "green" veggies to eat!! May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories of the one & only Gary!! RIP Gary



Vaughna Schmidt - March 17, 2025 at 05:43 PM

SJ

“ Gary was a great friend to our family. He helped Dad during late night calving cases and calls where Gary provided the muscle once Dad's arthritis became an obstacle, allowing him to continue working as long as he wanted. We always loved Gary's sense of humor and having him around. We will miss him greatly.

Susan (McKinley) & Mike Jungling, Taryn and Jordan
Sarah (McKinley & Brian Christensen, Madison & Steven
Dan & Kay Ward, Holden & Jordan

Susan McKinley Jungling - March 17, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MW

“ McKinley Family--Susan & Sarah, Dan Ward purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gary Dale Heaton.



McKinley Family--Susan & Sarah, Dan Ward - March 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ McKinley Family--Susan & Sarah, Dan Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dale Heaton.

McKinley Family--Susan & Sarah, Dan Ward - March 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

JJ

“ Joel Margaret & John purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Dale Heaton.



Joel Margaret & John - March 14, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JJ

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Joel Margaret & John - March 14, 2025 at 01:25 PM

PB

“ Duane & I met Gary in the 90's dancing. Gary loved country music & was a good dancer. He always talked about how smart his older brother was & he talked about a lot about his nephews. He loved his Mother & missed her. Gary was a fun & good friend. Many good memories. God got a good man.
Duane & Pat Bouse

Pat Bouse - March 13, 2025 at 06:03 PM

GW

I met Gary years ago and loved dancing with him. He was a super good guy. He drove to Enid in a blizzard to go dancing, of course, so did I. He was an excellent dancer. I sure do miss him. Gwen Winn

Gwen F Winn - March 16, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JT

“ Gary was an amazing man. He always has a smile on his face and was polite to everyone. He will be deeply missed prayers for the family. Our thoughts are with you. I bet he's too stepping in heaven right now.

jana Terrell - March 11, 2025 at 03:18 PM