



Randy Lynn Cunningham

November 13, 1946 - May 7, 2018

Randy Lynn Cunningham was born on November 13, 1946, in Alva, Oklahoma, to Rex and Vera Cunningham, and passed away on May 7, 2018, at Alliance Health, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Randy attended Alva Public Schools and was a member of the Goldbug class of 1964. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1964 and served a tour of duty in Viet Nam. One of his favorite military experiences occurred when his brother, Walter, who was also serving in Viet Nam, came to the front line where Randy was stationed with a tank battalion, to visit him before being sent stateside. Walter walked miles through enemy territory to visit Randy. Although their visit was brief, their bond was lifelong. Semper Fi.

Before he was honorably discharged, Randy was married to Cynthia Shorter on December 29, 1967. After their marriage they made their home in Garber, Oklahoma, while Randy attended Northern Oklahoma College and worked on the Garber Police Department. They later moved to Alva where Randy completed a B.S. Degree at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. While completing his degree, Randy worked at the Helena State School for Boys.

Following graduation, Randy was appointed as a Deputy U.S. Marshal, completing his training in Glynco, Georgia. He was assigned to the U.S. Marshal's office in Houston, Texas. Several years later Randy transferred to

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) where he served as a Special Agent until his retirement. Randy had numerous assignments throughout his career with ATF, including serving on protection details for presidential candidates. Following his retirement he opened a private investigation firm in Houston, which he operated until returning to Oklahoma. One of his investigations was the subject of an hour-long TV documentary on ABC's 20-20. At the time of his death Randy was residing at the Veterans Center in Clinton, Oklahoma.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Rex Cunningham; his brother, Walter Cunningham; his grandparents, Merel and Mayme Cunningham; and other family members.

Randy is survived by his mother, Vera Straw; his sister, Vicki Cunningham; his brother, Rick Cunningham; and other family and friends.

At his request, Randy was cremated and there will be a private family service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Randy Lynn Cunningham*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Randy worked with me in the ATF Houston District Office for a while back in 1982, or near that time. I even investigated an accident Randy had in his government vehicle. Randy was at my retirement party, and I ran into him in Louisiana after that when we were both conducting separate investigations. I never saw him after that, but often wondered what happened to him. Randy was a highly skilled, and very effective, investigator when I knew him as a Special Agent with ATF. I liked Randy Cunningham. I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. My sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Randy Cunningham. David Barrineau, deep in the heart of Texas.*

David Barrineau - February 18, 2019 at 05:44 PM



I also worked with Randy at ATF. We worked a few very interesting cases together and were close friends throughout. We also lived in the same neighborhood near each other and later worked together while performing private investigations. Randy was a friend who I missed when he left the Houston area. I would also like to extend my condolences to the family and Vicki who I also met while she lived in Houston. Barry A. Freece

Kathy Freece - February 21, 2019 at 08:00 PM

DC

“ Just heard, so sorry to hear... Guess God needed a great investigator!

God Speed Randy..

Don Cunningham

Don Cunningham - September 03, 2018 at 05:58 AM

JR

“ Rick and family - we are so sorry in the loss of your brother. Prayers for strength in the tough days ahead Julia Ryerson and our family as well

julia Ryerson - May 25, 2018 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ Rick and Vicky, sorry to learn of Randy passing. Memories of Alva, the Rialto, riding Cushmans, and just the good old days would not be complete without him or you two. Great guy and one more person gone to soon.

Bev Barker

Bev Barker - May 12, 2018 at 07:31 PM

PW

“ Randy, Vicki, and family members....please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Randy. Cling to the best of memories and know that you have many friends who hope/wish you will endure and cope your best in this loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul and Connie Woodson OKC, OK

Paul D Woodson - May 10, 2018 at 03:29 PM

RC

“ 4 files added to the album Randy



RC - May 09, 2018 at 02:48 PM