



Ricky Baird

September 13, 1972 - March 14, 2009

Funeral services for Ricky Lee Baird will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at the Waynoka School with Mike Marsalis officiating. Interment will be in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka.

Ricky Lee Baird, son of Rex Ivan and Carolyn Sue (Nusser) Baird, was born September 13, 1972, at Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away March 14, 2009, near Waynoka, Oklahoma, at the age of 36 years, 4 months, and 1 day.

Ricky graduated from Waynoka High School. He then attended Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma City and had almost completed his Law Enforcement degree. On March 12, 1994, he was united in marriage to Michelle DeAnn Hougland at Alva. They lived in Alva where he worked as an Alva Police Officer, and then to Perry where he worked for the Perry Police Department and Noble County Sheriff's department. In 2001, they moved to their home southeast of Waynoka where he worked for the Woods County Sheriff's Department, then later at the Little Sahara State Park. He was a welder by trade, but his heart was in law enforcement.

He was a member of the Elm and Murrow Church of Christ. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but was particularly devoted to his music. He was an accomplished guitarist, singer, and songwriter and was planning to record some of his original music.

Ricky is survived by his wife, Michelle Baird of Waynoka; two sons, Andrew Blake Baird of Waynoka, and Conner William Baird of Waynoka; two step

daughters, Laci Sandefur of Oklahoma City and Chelci Sandefur of Stillwater; his parents, Rex Ivan and Carolyn Baird, of Waynoka; his sister, Sherry Shklar and husband, Michael, of Pratt, Kansas; his paternal grandfather, Forrest Rex Baird and his wife, Helen, of Waynoka; his maternal grandparents, Dean and Patty Nusser, of Alva; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to a fund for Andrew and Conner's education.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Baird*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Baird Family: I am so sorry for the loss of Rick. I met Rick in the Police Academy. Rick was the type that when you met him, he was a friend forever. After graduation, I kept in touch with him and actually got him a job with me at Noble County. Rick moved in with me until the school year was over so he wouldn't take the kids out towards the end of the school year. We had many fun times together. For some reason he would always call me "G". I will miss Rick's e-mails, phone calls, and that laugh of his most of all. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.*

Brian Thomas - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ A note to my Friend Rick Baird, my thoughts & prayers are with your family.

Rick, I know that you will not get this last e-mail here on earth, but I do have faith that our good lord will send it to you. I was blessed to get to know you first as a customer and now as a friend. Rick, you had faith in me as that salesman to you on the products that you bought - and I thank you for that. I also loved the phone call back to me when you had the system installed, I will never forget that excitement in your voice and I think that was the day that you really really believed in me as a person - that was honest and real. Rick I have been doing this performance stuff for a long time and I can honestly count on one hand on how many true friends that I have made over the phone. You were my friend, my brother that I never got to physically see and I have to keep the faith right now that God will let me hang out with you someday. I know that we talked about it a lot, I loved the stories you would tell me about you and the boys hanging out there playing your songs and having BBQ's. As I talked to you I could picture the setting and like I would say - it's just some good ol boys and girls hanging out on the farm. I'm a city boy as you knew with back east roots and my heart was always there with you my friend having that good ol time. I remember that you were going to send me a cd also, so buddy you still owe me one and I'm going to hold you to it as we would say.

My friend I tried to call you today and when I seen you name come up on the caller ID as you know I would always address you as Rick Baird and that's the man that you are, your girl answered the phone and told me the news, I was in shock and did not know what to say and still do not, you were always that person that I could talk to you about tragedies like this. I remember talking to you about my uncle in PA. that passed away Thanksgiving from being a welder in the steel mills, your heart went out for me and my family, you gave me good words of wisdom and I thank you again for that. I know that I'm rambling on, (as you would say in some of our long conversations) but my heart is heavy my friend and as my day came to a close and I was able to reflect back on our many conversation and the tears came falling from my eyes. Rick, I know you would

say don't cry for me but I know in my heart you would do the same in my shoes and in your boots. I never have done this before in my 40 years of life and have never gone thru a tragedy like this with someone I never seen, but I felt so close to you and the boys & band I never met. I remember that you had a lot of cool titles to your songs and you would explain them too me and it was some amazing stuff when you told me the lyrics. So I have a song that is kind of based off Reba McIntyre the "greatest man I never seen" and what an impact you had on my life. Your voice will never be forgotten, your kindness and your dreams will all be with us and now the good Lord gets to have some good times with you. I will miss you on earth my friend but we will meet again I promise you that, so long for now buddy!!

*Sincerely,
Your Friend
Eric Heineman*

Eric Heineman - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Sherry, Rex Ivan, Sherry, and family - My deepest sympathy for the loss of Ricky. May God be with you at this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.*

Stacee (Slater) Roberts - March 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *We are so sorry for the lose of your beautiful son. Our prayer and thoughts are with you all at this time of your life. May God be with you all. The Daughters of Kay and Dee Cohlmiia -- Gayla Cohlmiia Purdum, Stevie Cohlmiia Taylor, and Michele Cohlmiia Nelson*

Stevie Cohlmiia Taylor - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am for your loss of a great man. Ricky was a very sweet guy when we were in school. He will be greatly missed in Waynoka. Ricky was a go gettier when he would want something. It is going to be hard to cope the loss of a very fine gentleman. The Town of Waynoka has lost a fine person, but he will always be in our hearts and we will remember him the way he was. He was a happy person that you would be glad that you met. I am so glad that I got to know Ricky Baird. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Rebecca Barrett Carroll - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, in this very hard time. Ricky was a great guy, and will be missed.

Lori Tatro - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ To all the Baird Family, I simply loved Rick. He was one of my kids. The time he spent in our home was lots of fun for us. We enjoyed his sweet personality. Rick was fun to be around. Rick loved people and they loved him back. I have looked at this website many times because it is so hard to believe that this has happened. I don't think that there has ever been a peace officer that could deal with people like Rick did. He could arrest someone and make them think that he was their best friend. We are going to always miss him. We are praying for comfort for all the family and want you to know that we will help in any way that we can.

Marilynn Olson - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ To all the families- We were so saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Ricky. What a shock, and horrible thing to have happen to such a bright light in the world. Our sympathy and condolences are with you now at this difficult time.

Anjie and Clint Douglas - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I want to say how very sorry I am for the loss of your Ricky. I only know Sherry, and how very sweet she is, so I&m sure he was a special person. God bless all of you; there are a lot of prayers being said for you and for Ricky.

Chris Tharp - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Michelle, Just want to send lots of love and prayers to you, the boys, and all your family. I know that peace, comfort, and strength are available through our Heavenly Father, who loves you so much... "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that you do not know." ~Jeremiah 33:3

Terrah - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Rex Ivan, Carolyn, Sherry and Family I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Ricky. He was a great guy with a big heart. I will always remember the many times we shared growing up and playing as kids. Especially the time Ronnie, Sherry, Ricky and I were stuck on a broke down bus with big Rex and we had a paper ball fight to pass the time. He was such a good friend and a joy to visit with. He will be deeply missed. My heart goes out to each of you and I pray that God will give you the strength and comfort you need during this difficult time. God Bless all of you.

Dawndi (Bouziden) Yielding - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Rex and Mrs Baird, Sherry, and Michelle and Families - I am so very sorry for your loss of Ricky... He was such a great person, always a smile for everyone. His heart was always open and full of love for life, family and friends. Growing up in such a small community makes everyone feel like family. We will miss him very much. Look to the Lord for strength through this very difficult time. Know that the Lord is with you and that Ricky is in heaven playing his guitar for the Lord and looking down on each of you! Be very proud of him for all the lives that he touched. He will forever be in our hearts. Always, Always! Maria Wells

Maria Ramirez Wells - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To all of the family, I am very sorry to hear about Ricky. My heart longs out for the children espically as I too know the pain that they are feeling. I have fond memories of Ricky some how always keeping an eye out for me when I was starting to date. My dad always was able to count on Ricky if he needed someone to check up on me when I was out at night. Word travels faster in a small town/county, but espically when your cousin works for the county sherriff&s department. Just remember that he is in a better place now and he can do all the hunting, fishing, and singing that he wants. I love all of you! And you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ashley Clapper - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I am unable to express my deepest sympathy in words to Sherry, Carolyn and the rest of the Baird family. May god have you in his arms today to give you strenght to face this very hard day. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts. Ricky was a great guy and you should be proud to have had him as a brother, son, husband, father and grandson. Love ya Sherry.

Mandy Smiley Porter - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Michelle and family, So sorry to hear about the loss of Ricky, I always enjoyed visiting with him. May God give you and the kids the strength and compassion. And may you remember Ricky with the greatest memories a Dad can leave.

Dot Tyree - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My, my, this is so hard for me to believe. I had not seen Ricky for probably 10 years when this fella in uniform, complete with cap, came up to me in Ampride and gave me a big hug. I looked at him in surprise and he said "you don&t know me do you" as he took off his cap. Then I knew him - and gave him a big hug. He was always the kid with the big smile, friendly, and knew you every time he saw you. Ricky&s a kid to be proud of, as Carolyn and Rex you always were. I loved him as I loved you Sherry. My heart is with each of you and you are in my prayers. I couldn&t say anything at the funeral home Sunday morning as my heart was breaking for you, but do know I love you. God bless. Sherry Belleau (Stacee, Fred, Clay & Garalyn&s mom)

Sherry Belleau - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I have no words that can ease the pain you all are feeling from the lose of such a great person. As you know there is a large number of us from Ricky&s class that had attended school together from kindergarden to graduation, Ricky was such a great part of all of our lives and he will truly be missed by so many of us. Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you at this time of sorrow. Ricky will always remain a part of our lives and class. We will never forget him. May our thoughts and prayers be with all of you at this sorrowful time.

Kim (Chipman) Barnes and Family - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Rex Ivan and Carolyn- I&m so very sorry to hear about Ricky. Ricky was a loving person. If there is anything I can do give me a call at 334-7153. God Bless, Taylor

Taylor E. Waggoner - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ What will help you most in the days that follow Ricky&s passing will be your group of close-knit friends and family in your community. You will do things for one another. You are like an extended family. Friendship and companionship are important parts of your healing, and the children will never lack for loving relationships. We must keep Faith during the Tough Times. We dedicate Eliza E. Hewitt&s song, "When We All Get to Heaven" to Ricky: "Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing his mercy and his grace; In the mansions bright and blessed, He&ll prepare for us a place. While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will overspread the sky; But when trav&ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh. When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We&ll sing and shout the victory."

LeRoy and Lynnette Feusner - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Baird Family- sending you our deepest sympathy and prayers during your loss. May you find the peace and comfort.*

Dave and Linda Sadler - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Sherry, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Tommy, Shiela, Hayden & Katelyn Steadman - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My heart has been so heavy since receiving the call about Ricky. It was just the week before that Ronnie, Ryan, and I were talking about our class reunion that several of us are working on putting together in May. Ronnie and I had discussed Ricky in great length with memories of high school and how proud both of us were in all the accomplishments Ricky had done. I was so looking forward in getting with him to sing and listen to some of his songs. It hurts that he was taken before we were able to do that. However, I can't not compare to know the pain and sorrow you as a family are feeling. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you to ask the Lord to comfort and provide strength during this time through family and friends. Please know that not only am I expressing sympathy from myself, but from my family as well. Rex Baird, know that Grandma Wilma is thinking of you. Rex Ivan and Carolyn, know that Larry and Melba have you in their thoughts and prayers. Sherri, know that Michael is thinking of you as well. Our family&s have been intertwined since our Grandparents have been friends and church friends/family as well, Richard & Sharon Jacobson and family; Allan and DeAnn Baird and family, please know that we are so sorry and you have our loving thoughts.*

Marlana (Davidson) Mills - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Michelle, Andrew, & Conner, It was a shock to learn that Rick was gone. He was my first partner on the police dept. and I will always remember the times we spent together, from our fishing trips to the projects that never turned out quite the way we had planned. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rick was a man I could truly call my friend. Cris

Kenny C Meyer - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Michelle, Andrew, Connor Rex Ivan, Carolyn, Sherry and Family Rusty and I are so very sorry for the loss of Ricky..There are NO words to explain how special he was to us. He was such a great guy to know..When Rusty was deployed he made a special point to let me know if there was anything I needed he was only a phone call away, he also wanted to take Ty deer hunting because he knew how much Ty loved doing it with his dad and wanted to make sure he didn't miss a thing while Rusty had to be gone, and only did Ricky and Brad take him deer hunting but he took pictures to make sure Rusty could see his deer!! It didn't matter what a busy life he had, he took the time to make others happy!!!! And for that we will always be grateful. Please know that your in our thoughts and everyday prayers and know that Ricky will always remain a part of our hearts. May God send you all comfort.. The Smith Family Rusty, Bonnie, Brandon, Brooke and Ty

Rusty and Bonnie Smith - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the Baird family.

Klusemeyer Family - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am at a loss for words when it comes to saying what Ricky meant to me. He was always someone I heard about when I talked to my parents. I am sure it was the same for him. When I would run into him it was like no time had ever past. I was so looking forward to seeing him at our reunion in May. It will not be the same to not have his great smile and wonderful laugh. I am not sure what I could say that would ease any pain for any of you, just know that your whole family will be in the thoughts and prayers of my family.

Debra (Barrett) McClain - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Rex Ivan, Carolyn, and Sherry - I just wanted to let you all know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers. There are no words that will make a time like this any easier. We know the hurt you are feeling. I pray that it will eventually get easier. Ricky was like a big brother to me growing up. I have so many memories of running around with Sherry and Ricky. He even took me to my Senior prom. I will remember his smile and laugh always.

Billy & Tambi Brown - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Michelle, Andrew, Connor, and Family - We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. Rick was a good person and a great friend to many. We have many fond memories of Rick, his sense of humor, his laughter and his smile will not be forgotten! He will be missed by so many! I know words can not comfort you at this time, but please know you are in our thought and prayers.

Cris and Brooke Meyer - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We send our sincere condolences on the loss of your son, brother, husband, and father. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Baird family during this time.

Troy & Jennifer Cunningham - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Michelle, I am so sorry for your loss, please know that I am praying for you and your family. May God be with you and your family. Sending Prays your way.
Dana and family

Dana Kirkpatrick - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Michelle and family, Words cannot express how we are feeling for you and your family during this difficult time. It has been some time, but we have fond memories of spending time with you and Rick. I know it must seem like a dream; it just doesn't seem real. Even though losing someone is difficult, Rick was a devoted christian man. Your memories, family, friends, and faith will help you get through this. God bless you.

Tim,Krista, Kala, and Grayson Starbuck - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Ricks family...I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Rick...what a fine young man..it is such pain to lose a child..husband...dad..brother...know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time...God Bless

Charlotte Holt Edwards - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am so sadden to hear of Rick&s death. I worked with him at the Alva Police Department. He was a fine young man. So fun & very respectful. I missed his smiling face after he moved on to greener pastures. I have asked grandparents in the past where he was & if he&s okay. I&m sorry to say I hadn&t seen him in quite a while, but he was in my thoughts. It was my pleasure to have known him & I am missing him again. With love to his family. Jewel

Jewel LeDou - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Michelle,
I cannot imagine what you are going through now. My prayers are with you and the kids. Look to God for strength, for only He can show you the way through this.
Love You, Judy

Judy Lockhart Zollinger - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dearest Family, I really don&t have words to express what Ricky meant to my family. I tormented Ricky as a teenager and he never let me forget it! He was a very special young man, son, father and husband. He was very, very good to my daughter and she loved him dearly. when I worked at Ampride he was always there to see us to our vehicles safely during the "busy season" no matter how busy he was himself. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for the wonderful man he was!

Gayla Milledge - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Rex Ivan and Carolyn and family, We are so heartbroken for your loss of Ricky, we know what it is your feeling and our prayers are with you at this time. If there is anything you need all you have to do is ask. We will be here if you need anything. Ricky was such a joy to be around and was a fine young man. He will be missed by all. May God send you comfort. Gregg and Rita Inman

Gregg and Rita Inman - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Michelle & kids, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are always here for you and love you all. You're in our prayers.

Kevin, Debra, & Makenzie Houglan - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Baird Family - We are thinking of you and praying for your comfort. It is such a numb feeling to lose a loved one, but we thank God for carrying you and blessing you with Rick. May God bless and keep you.

Natalie & Greg Miller - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Michelle and family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Summers - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Michelle and family - I am praying for you and your family. I am so sorry for this loss to your family. I love you all!

Karmen Andrews - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ We are so sorry Michelle for your loss. We felt priviledged to have met Rick and have worked for him. You are in our prayers and if we can be of help to you we are there for you. Tony and Jeanetta (Bussell) Abbey

Tony and Jeanetta Abbey - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ I am so very sorry for your loss! There are really no words that will make this time any easier. I really liked Rick. He was a good friend and a great guy! He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!!

Tonya - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I have no words to tell all of you how very very sorry I was to hear of the loss of Rick. He was and always will remain one of my favorite kids. I will forever remember his dimples, his laugh, and his sweet and gentle spirit. His love of music was so important to him and we often talked about his songs. I will always have a special place in my heart for Rick. All my love, Karen

Karen Payne - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Michelle- I am so sorry to hear about Ricky. I worked with Ricky at the sheriffs office. He was a very good man and a great person to work with. I wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. He will greatly missed. I only hope you will look to the Lord for comfort and understanding. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Barnett - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ I am so very sorry about the loss of your son, your brother, your husband. I didn't really know Ricky but never heard anything but good about him. My condolences, Nan

Nan Wheatley - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Michelle and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Rick as I know you have. Keep your memories close and his memory will be forever in the hearts who loved him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Terri and Jay Leeper - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Michelle and Family I can't believe this. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and help you find strength.

Misty Wanger-Beiswanger - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ A word to let you know we are thinking of you and the family Michelle. May you know that we will be holding you up and asking for strength to you and Rickys family.

Bill and Linda Beeler - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy to each of you. The loss of a child leaves excessive pain and void in the hearts of parents, grandparents, and all family members. May you find comfort in memories, which will linger forever in your hearts. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM