



Robert P. "Rob" Melton

June 10, 1950 - January 5, 2021

A private, family memorial will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church, Alva, Ok. at 10 a.m. A graveside service will follow at the Pond Creek Cemetery in Pond Creek, Ok. The service and graveside will be Live-streamed by the Marshall Funeral Home, Alva, Ok. on the Marshall Funeral Home Facebook page or may be accessed later on their website Media section.

Rob was born June 10, 1950 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Paul Dean Melton and Ida Marie (Morris) Melton and passed into his new heavenly life from his home in Alva on January 5, 2021. In his early years Rob lived in Nebraska and Colorado as his family moved due to his father's transfers in the sugar beet industry. Rob graduated from Mapleton High School, Thornton, Colorado in 1969 and Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma (BA-Psychology) in 1974. While at Phillips, he was a proud member of Varsity (social service club) following his older brother, Gary's lead into the club. Rob began his work history in high school where he told many stories about valuable life skills learned from bussing tables, lighting patron cigarettes, and serving flaming desserts while working at the Top of the Rockies fine dining restaurant in Denver. He also worked in the sugar beet factories on breaks from college. However, after graduation from college, Rob found his passion in the corrections profession beginning as a Correctional Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) at the Enid Community Treatment Center in

1974.

Taking a one year educational leave in 1976 Rob achieved his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University in 1977. After his return to DOC, Rob held many positions in community corrections, institutions and probation and parole to include case manager, assistant superintendent and superintendent, correctional captain and Deputy Warden at James Crabtree Correctional Center and probation and parole officer from which he retired with 33 years of service in 2014.

A chance meeting at a corrections conference led Rob to meet Janice (Gates) whom he married in 1983. In 1997 they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Faith, of whom he was so very proud and loved dearly.

Rob was raised in the Disciples of Christ Church and after moving to Alva, became a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church. His faith in God was evident in all areas of his life. Rob had a deep sense of right and wrong when it involved the treatment and dignity of others. He championed his staff's concerns as well as those of the many offenders he dealt with in his career. Rob was incredibly bright and intuitive on so many levels and had an amazing sense of humor. The highlight of many family gatherings was when Rob would regale everyone with his animated stories about his life experiences in college, corrections and even armadillo chases.

Rob had many interests but his true passion was his yard and gardening. He especially loved mowing and growing the largest elephant ears possible. Rob loved watching football and basketball games and keeping informed of all news and political issues. After retirement he enjoyed volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Mike. He is

survived by his wife, Janice of Alva, OK.; daughter, Faith of Enid, OK; brother, Gary and his wife, Terry Melton of Chaska, MN and their children Tae, Camie and Brett; sister-in-law, Carol Melton of Nevada City, CA and her daughter Jenna; and all his special cousins, nieces and nephews; and so many friends and former co-workers.

From the beginning of Rob's journey with ALS, he was blessed with the outstanding care and compassion of the staff of Integris MDA Neuromuscular Center, especially Dr. Brent Beson and the staff of Integris Medical Supply, including his respiratory therapist, Dawn. He will be forever grateful to God for bringing them into his life.

Rob and Janice are also thankful for the help and support of Traditions (formerly Faith) Hospice staff of Alva/Woodward, OK. and all the other special care providers.

Memorials may be made in Rob's name to the Neuromuscular Center (provides no cost assistance to patients with neurological diseases), c/o MDA Neuromuscular Center or to Alva First United Methodist Church through the Marshall Funeral Home, Alva, Ok.

Cemetery Details

Pond Creek Cemetery

Pond Creek, OK 73766

Previous Events

Private Family Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Graveside service

MAY 1 (CT)

Pond Creek Cemetery
Pond Creek, OK 73766

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert P. "Rob" Melton*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memoria Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - May 03, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - May 03, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 29, 2021 at 04:13 PM

RK

“ Many obituaries about people’s personalities are not very accurate. I feel Rob’s is spot on. He was a true gentleman.

One of the memories I have of Rob is when at Phillips one night we lit up about 40 yards of sidewalk in front of the men’s dorm. It was super bright and got many views from the windows.

Rob was very athletic and I enjoyed playing many intramural sports with him.

He blessed my life. Wanted to make the memorial but it is the same time as my granddaughter’s birthday. Peace be with you.

Richard Keith - April 29, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JM

Thanks so much for this memory!

Janice Melton - May 10, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert P. "Rob" Melton.



April 25, 2021 at 11:47 AM

AB

“ Rip rob. You were a good person indeed. I thank God the all mighty I had met you.

Antoine G. Bouziden - February 01, 2021 at 12:36 PM

KP

“ Prayers to Janice and Faith as you mourn the passing of Rob.
Keith Purcell

Keith Purcell - January 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM

SK

“ We were very sad to hear that we all lost Rob. I always thought Rob to be pleasant, kind and caring. He always had a kind and friendly word for me. Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Janice and Faith. God's Blessings to you both.
Steve and Kimmarie Kiss

Steve and Kimmarie Kiss - January 10, 2021 at 07:58 PM

BT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rob. May God be with you and give you peace in a difficult situation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob and Laberta Thomas.

Bob & Laberta Thomas - January 10, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DD

“ So very sorry to hear of Rob's passing. I knew him when we attended Phillips University together. He was always friendly and fun to talk to. We didn't have many classes together as we were pursuing different majors but we would bump into one another occasionally and visit. My sympathy to his family. RIP Rob----a good man. It was my privilege to know him .

---Dwight Davis, Enid, OK

DWIGHT DAVIS - January 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM

KO

“ Thinking of Janice and Faith with prayers for comfort. There are so many fond memories of Rob as a friend and coworker. Forever grateful for his support in my personal and professional life. RIP dear friend.

Kathy Waters and Paul O'Connell - January 09, 2021 at 03:07 PM

EF

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a Husband and Dad!! Also the loss of my Friend and Mentor!! Rob was Kind and Loyal!! He will be Missed!! God Bless you Janice and Faith!!

Eric Franklin - January 09, 2021 at 10:43 AM

RK

“ Very sad. Rob was one of the good (actually Great)guys. God bless his legacy.

Richard Keith - January 09, 2021 at 10:06 AM

RB

“ Janice and Faith, I'm so devastated to hear of Rob's passing. He was a rock when I needed a friend. May it comfort you to know he is now where we all hope to someday be. I will miss him .

Rosalie Bliss - January 09, 2021 at 12:34 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Robs passing. My love to Janice and Faith. Gods blessings on all.

Pam Ferguson - January 08, 2021 at 11:45 PM

BT

“ When Rob opened the door, the room lit up and laughter filled the air. He was so much fun to be around. There was never a dull moment in Rob's company. We shared many happy childhood days and I treasure those memories. Rob was honest, considerate and kind. Janice, Faith and Rob's family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Trupp - January 08, 2021 at 07:01 PM

BW

“ My prayers are with Janice, Faith & Rob’s family & friends as you mourn the passing of Rob. He was an awesome, kind man & I don’t think I ever heard him talk bad about anyone. He was such a pleasure to work with. Take comfort in knowing he is now fully healed & telling his Lord all his wonderful stories.
Barbara West

Barbara J West - January 08, 2021 at 06:24 PM

LA

“ I was blessed to hear many of his “animated” stories while working with him in Alva. One of the most interesting, intelligent and selfless men I’ve had the privilege of knowing. RIP friend. You will be missed.

Lea Ann Allen - January 08, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LJ

Janice, you and Faith are in my prayers. May God grant you peace and precious memories. Love to you both.

Lenora Jordan - January 09, 2021 at 10:44 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rob was a kind and gentle man. I always enjoyed talking to him while I was working. May he Rest In Peace. Prayers for both of you!

Jennifer Schafer - January 08, 2021 at 03:58 PM

PM

“ *My condolences to Janice and Faith. As a close friend of Rob during our college years together, I came to know him well. He was a good and faithful friend. Rob had a quick mind, a good heart, and a joyful sense of humor. Other college friends of Rob are also saddened at his passing that came much too soon. All of us are with you in spirit Janice at this difficult time. Please know that Rob was loved and will be missed. Blessings to you!*

Rev. Phillip Million

Phillip Million - January 08, 2021 at 02:48 PM

TS

I have many fond memories of Rob and Janice. My prayers for comfort and peace to Janice and Faith.

Twyla Snider - January 09, 2021 at 02:30 PM

RM

“ *Keeping you in our prayers, Janice and Faith. Rob was always so friendly and kind. Our hearts ache for your loss.*

Randy and Paula McMurphy - January 08, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JS

“ *Prayers of comfort and healing for Janice and Faith. Kelly and I both had the privilege of working with and attending various functions in DOC with Rob. You learn quickly to buckle our seat belt, prepare for the ride and enjoy the laughter from his humor. Many memories of a good man, he will be missed. RIP Rob*

Julia Schrock - January 08, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JM

Thank so much.

Janice Melton - January 11, 2021 at 04:26 PM

CS

Gaverne and I extend our hearts to you and to your family and pray God will continue to hold you close in His Divine Care and Grace.

Rob was an intelligent man with a remarkable understanding of people. His gentle, calming, and approachable demeanor made it easy for others to receive his wise counsel, It was a privilege to call Rob a friend.

His Christianity was exhibited through his fairness, kindness & compassion towards his family, friends, co-workers, and clientele.

He will be missed...

Chaplain (Ret'd) Darryl & Gaverne Scott - January 12, 2021 at 06:22 PM

JM

Thanks so much.

Janice Melton - January 16, 2021 at 01:43 AM

ML

Janice, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Rob. Our prayers are with you and Faith. May God bless you with his grace, and may you find your peace. Mary Livers and Penny Frazier

Mary L Livers - January 23, 2021 at 03:24 PM