



## Tommy Joe Sanborn II

July 16, 1970 - November 12, 2021

Tommy Joe Sanborn II of Alva, OK, passed away in his home, surrounded by his family, on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the age of 51, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. His year-and-a-half-long fight showed his courage in facing life's challenges with grit and determination. Despite the pain, Tommy came out a hero and stayed strong until the end.

On July 16, 1970, he was born to Bobbie Ann Sanborn (née Simon) in Kiowa, KS. Tommy was the oldest of the two children and his sister Tonya, and the kids grew up in both the Cherokee and Jet, OK, areas. During Tommy's teenage years, he moved to Alva, where he graduated a Goldbug.

As an adult, Tommy's first marriage produced two children, Gage Alexander and Katelin Rose. The kids were his pride and joy, and he loved spending every moment he could with them. The three lived in Enid, where Tommy met and got engaged to Stacy, later whom he would marry.

For a few years, Tommy, Stacy, and the kids lived in Arlington, TX, making memories attending Texas Rangers baseball games, putt-putt golfing, bowling, and going to amusement parks and zoos. There was a designated family game night every week, as well as frequent movie and popcorn nights. Playing badminton became a family favorite too, and Tommy prided himself on taking the W quite often.

While in Texas, Tommy became a father of three when he and Stacy welcomed daughter Sydney Grace to the family. Shortly after the birth, changes in circumstances brought the couple and their new baby back to Oklahoma, where later a fourth child, Jagger Evan Thomas, was born. They made their home in Alva, where Tommy worked at Alva Monument until his illness.

Family was everything to Tommy, and his most significant accomplishment in life was being a dad. He was big-hearted, loyal, and believed in second chances. He loved to cook and would awe his family with his culinary skills. In the fall, you could find Tommy tuned in to Sooner football every Saturday. He inherited his love for the program from his late grandmother and late mother.

Tommy is survived by his wife Stacy; children Gage, Katelin, Sydney, and Jagger; father Larry Failes; grandfather Doug Kranz; sister Tonya Tullis, half-sisters Jennifer Hackler, and Amantha and Rebecca Sanborn; aunt Dana Franklin, uncles Steve Simon (Jackie) and Robert "Bob" Sanborn; nieces Jady and Keyauna Heidrick, great-nephew Cayden Reed, and several cousins. Preceding him in death are his mom Bobbie Failes and grandmother Wilma (Fern) Kranz.

A memorial service will be held at Marshall Funeral Home in Alva on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 2 pm with Max Ridgway of Grace and Faith Fellowship Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to a Love Fund for the family may be made through the funeral home. Please no plants or flowers.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel  
230 Flynn  
Alva, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tommy Joe Sanborn II*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Service*



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - November 19, 2021 at 03:55 PM

RV

*Thank you 4 sharing Tom's service with me ! Tom meant the world to me !*

**Roschelle Viers** - November 20, 2021 at 07:30 PM



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - November 18, 2021 at 02:41 PM

Lori  
Kilpatrick

“ Stacy, I am so sorry for your loss. We're praying for you and your family. May you feel the Lord wrap you safely in his arms during this difficult time. We love you!  
Aunt Lori



Lori Kilpatrick - November 16, 2021 at 09:20 AM

GM

Stacy, we were so sad to learn of Tommy's passing. Our prayers and condolences 🙏 are with you. 💕 Don and Twila Maddox

Great Aunt Twila and Uncle Don Maddox - November 16, 2021 at 05:40 PM



Im here praying for you too. There is no words how sorry I am. Rip Tommy.

Shannon Dalrymple - November 17, 2021 at 12:11 AM