



## Eric Gerard Fernandez

January 3, 1975 - January 27, 2026

Eric Gerard Fernandez, age 51, of Durant, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Eric was born on January 3, 1975, in Brooklyn, New York. He was a loving son, husband, brother, nephew, uncle and loyal friend who never hesitated to help others. Known for his warm smile and steady presence, Eric made people feel at ease wherever he went.

He worked for The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for the last 18 years and was currently in the IT department. He took great pride in his work but cherished the relationships he had with his coworkers and immediate teammates more than anything. Outside of work Eric enjoyed New York sports, specifically the Knicks, Giants, Rangers and Yankees. He could name every pennant year for the Yankees and had an avid dislike for the Boston Red Sox.

To know Eric was to love Eric. He loved big and had a special place in his heart for all his nieces and nephews and friends that became like family. Eric could make every occasion a special occasion and always made people feel "mi casa, es su casa".

Eric is survived by his wife, Jennifer Fernandez; his father Gustavo Fernandez; his brothers Daryl Fernandez and wife Micheline, Joshua

Fernandez and wife Jennifer, Dain Fernandez and fiancé Lindsey, Joel Fernandez and sister Thalia Fernandez; aunt Slena Santos and husband Ronald; godfather and uncle Gary Santos. He is also survived by sister-in-law Julie Earls and brother-in-law Kent Wuestenfeld and wife Shana, nieces and nephews Brianna Fernandez, Devin Fernandez, Taylor Conner, Kaley Wuestenfeld, Kelli Mose, Richard Riggle, Alexi Holland, Karsyn Wuestenfeld and Aria Eggenberg.

He is preceded in death by his mother Patricia Fernandez, uncle Phil Santos, aunt Nina Santos, cousin Richard Garcia, nephew David Riggle and grandparents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Brown's Funeral Home chapel in Durant, Oklahoma. Pastor Joe Patterson will officiate.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/FFXHGTN3YG48Y8C3>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Gerard Fernandez*



-----  
**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - January 29 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



-----  
February 02 at 04:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



-----  
January 30 at 11:09 AM



“ *Choctaw Nation - Strategic Dev. Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*

-----  
**Choctaw Nation - Strategic Dev. Division** - January 30 at 11:09 AM

CK

“ *Clint, Ashlee, Grace, and Kate purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

**Clint, Ashlee, Grace, and Kate** - January 29 at 08:51 PM

CK

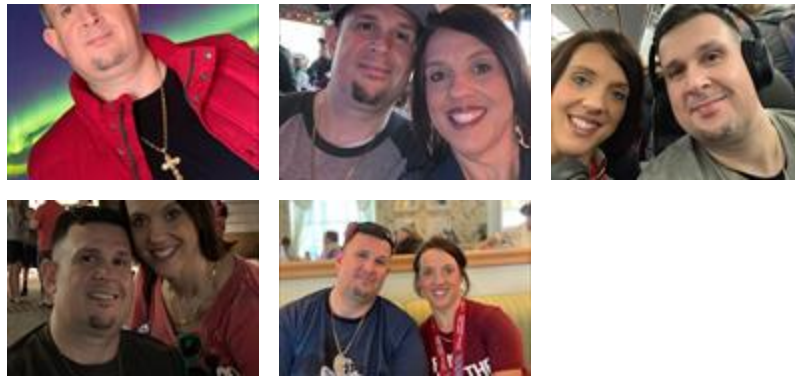
“ *Clint, Ashlee, Grace, and Kate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*

---

**Clint, Ashlee, Grace, and Kate** - January 29 at 08:51 PM



“ *100 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



---

**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - January 29 at 06:34 PM

PG

“ Eric was a friendly guy no matter who you were. Such a kind heart and soul. He had a beautiful unwavering love for Jennifer 💖 my favorite memory of Eric is when he would leave the sweetest love notes to Jennifer on her office noteboard to show her that he had been there 💐 he will be deeply missed by all of us 🕊

Patty Greene - January 29 at 04:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



January 29 at 03:20 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer-  
My heart and prayers are with you today and always.  
Eric was a wonderful guy and I know he was the light of your life.  
Be comforted by your family and friends  
I love you,  
Aunt Judy

Judy Jenkins - January 29 at 02:55 PM

MD

“ Mike and Sonya Diggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.

Mike and Sonya Diggs - January 29 at 02:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

January 29 at 02:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

January 29 at 02:34 PM



“ *JT, Carrie, Ryan, and Rylee Wallace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*

---

**JT, Carrie, Ryan, and Rylee Wallace** - January 29 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

January 29 at 01:24 PM

CA

“ *Commerce Accounting and Revenue Audit purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

**Commerce Accounting and Revenue Audit** - January 29 at 12:52 PM

IF

“ *IT Enterprise Services Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

**IT Enterprise Services Family** - January 29 at 12:20 PM

KF

“ *My heart is truly heavy for the loss of such a wonderful colleague. And especially for you Jennifer, I remember talking to you about you and Eric's retirement plans. It is comforting to know Eric is with his Lord and Savior but how difficult it is to go on here on earth without the love of your life. My prayers are with you and all the family for this unexpected loss.*

---

**Kathleen Fletcher** - January 29 at 11:59 AM

ST

“ *Love this guy, hoping for peace and comfort for his friends and family. This is a huge loss for all that knew him. Bless this family.*

---

**Stan** - January 29 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

January 29 at 11:24 AM



“ *Chris, Andrea, Ella & Madison McNamara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

**Chris, Andrea, Ella & Madison McNamara** - January 29 at 09:34 AM



“ *Lindsay Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*

---

**Lindsay Young** - January 29 at 09:32 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



---

January 29 at 09:32 AM

MA

“ *Maleisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*

Maleisa - January 29 at 09:16 AM

MA

“ *Maleisa purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.*



Maleisa - January 29 at 09:16 AM

CJ

“ *I met and worked with Eric back years ago with CNO when we had a small office location in McKinney. Just a super person and great guy. We continued to work together via email on projects for 5 years now. A bright friendly personality, it is just so hard to process. Thoughts out to Jennifer and family in this incredibly difficult time. RIP my friend.*

Clay Julius - January 29 at 04:58 AM

PG

*Eric was a friendly guy no matter who you were. Such a kind heart and soul. He had a beautiful unwavering love for Jennifer 💖 my favorite memory of Eric is when he would leave the sweetest love notes to Jennifer on her office noteboard to show her that he had been there 💖 he will be deeply missed by all of us 🕊*

Patty Greene - January 29 at 03:57 PM

BJ

“ Brad & Bailey Jones purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

**Brad & Bailey Jones** - January 29 at 01:37 AM

TB

“ Travis & Sherry Bohannon purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

**Travis & Sherry Bohannon** - January 28 at 10:19 PM

AB

“ All Our love Kent and Starla Burkhalter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.

---

**All Our love Kent and Starla Burkhalter** - January 28 at 08:36 PM

AB

“ All Our love Kent and Starla Burkhalter purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

**All Our love Kent and Starla Burkhalter** - January 28 at 08:36 PM

JS

“ While we rejoice and celebrate Eric's victory over this earthly world we send our love and prayers of peace with God's steady protective hand over their family.



---

**John, Kristi, Seth, Aaron, and Eli Shill** - January 28 at 07:45 PM

JE

“ Julie Earls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Gerard Fernandez.

---

**Julie Earls** - January 28 at 07:31 PM

JE

“ Julie Earls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

**Julie Earls** - January 28 at 07:31 PM

SS

“ Eric, my precious boy....my fondest memory was at your birth. A 13 yr old Aunt learned quickly to care for a newborn. Your beloved mom was too sick after your birth to care for you, so TiTi sterilized bottles, bottled formula from cans, baths daily, fed and burped you, than laid you down into your mom's arms. I watched you, your brothers and cousins (with your big wheels) terrified pedestrians walking up the street. Family holiday, birthdays gatherings. Can't wait until we are reunited again in Heaven. I love you and will be so missed. You and your precious soul, Love you to no end..TiTi Slena.

Slena Santos - January 28 at 07:11 PM

OB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy. Love Dad & Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Fernandez.

Our Deepest Sympathy. Love Dad & Brenda - January 28 at 04:09 PM

OB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy. Love Dad & Brenda purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



Our Deepest Sympathy. Love Dad & Brenda - January 28 at 04:09 PM

PR

“ Phillip and Mary Riggle purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

Phillip and Mary Riggle - January 28 at 03:54 PM

FE

“ Friends at Elire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Fernandez.

---

Friends at Elire - January 28 at 01:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Gerard Fernandez.



---

January 28 at 01:34 PM