



## Joey Kent Wakefield

August 22, 1957 - January 29, 2022

Joey Kent Wakefield was born Thursday, August 22, 1957 in Denison, Texas to Joe Wakefield and Glenda (Moody) Hutchinson. He passed from this life on Saturday, January 29th, 2022 in Calera, Oklahoma at the age of 64.

Joey is a graduate of Calera High School with the class of '75. He married Melissa Knight on October 30, 1976 in Borger, Texas. Joey furthered his education at Frank Phillips Jr. College, Murray State College, University of Oklahoma, and then at Oklahoma City University where he earned his Masters degree in Business Administration. In high school and college, Joey was a gifted athlete and excelled at both basketball and baseball, earning numerous awards for his accomplishments, a notable award being a 1974-75 All American High School Basketball player and salutatorian of his graduating class. In 2006 Joey was inducted into the Bryan County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Joey was employed with Phillips Petroleum over twenty years. He started with Phillips in Borger, Texas at the Philblack plant and in 1981 was transferred to Oklahoma City where he worked several positions including Reconnaissance Surveyor and Project Development Analyst. After leaving Phillips, he worked at Lowe's for five years and then for Tiller Fence and Deck Company for two years before retiring. Joey was a board member with Focus Federal Credit Union in Oklahoma City for thirty years.

Joey was an avid fan of OU football and OU softball. He enjoyed visiting and talking with his many friends. Joey always had a good time in everything he did and would do anything for his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Glenda Hutchinson; and his parents in law, Carla and Jack Knight.

Joey leaves behind his wife, Melissa, of Oklahoma City; daughter, Darby Coats of Oklahoma City, with her daughters, Josslyn and Jillian; son, Jace Wakefield and his wife, April, of Oklahoma City, with their children, Simon Harry, Samuel Harry and Aurora Wakefield; father, Joe Wakefield and wife, Lynda, of Calera; sister, Julie Weger and husband, Ronnie, of Colbert; step brother, Will and wife Stefny Hutchinson of Oklahoma City; step brother, Michael Hutchinson of Calera; sister in law, Melia Melton of Norman; brother in law; CC Knight and wife Ann Elise of Granbury, TX, several nieces, nephews and good friends

A memorial visitation will be held from 4-6 PM on Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Brown's Funeral Home chapel in Durant.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joey Kent Wakefield*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Melissa, we always enjoyed tailgating at the OU football games with you & Joey. We love Joey. He always arrived with a big smile and fired up!! Always fun to be around and made everyone feel good. We will miss him dearly!!! Never forgotten our friend, RIP 🙏❤️ Robert and Pam Young*

**Robert Young** - February 05, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**melissa wakefield** - February 05, 2022 at 12:32 PM

MW

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



melissa wakefield - February 05, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.



February 04, 2022 at 06:41 PM

SS

“ Joe, Julie and Joey's family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Joey and Julie when we were kids. His parents and my parents were friends. My dad worked with his dad at the Reserve center. REST IN PEACE JOEY!!  
Shelly Shroyer Sterling

shelly sterling - February 04, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 04, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 04, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 04, 2022 at 02:59 PM

TS

“ My heart breaks for you Melissa and family. We couldn't ask for a better neighbor. I will greatly miss talking outside with him about OU football.! He will have the best seats at the games. He always had a smile on his face. Fly high Joey and as always....Boomer Sooner! ☐



Teresa and Rick Swearingen - February 03, 2022 at 07:19 PM

MW

Thank you Teresa. Love that picture !!

melissa wakefield - February 04, 2022 at 10:28 AM

RT

“ Rick T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.



Rick T. - February 03, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.



February 03, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



February 03, 2022 at 12:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:22 PM



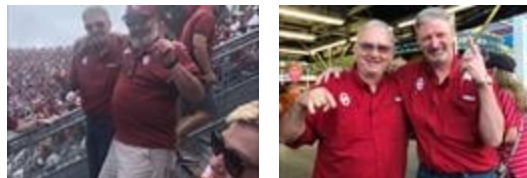
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**melissa wakefield** - February 02, 2022 at 06:47 PM



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**melissa wakefield** - February 02, 2022 at 06:30 PM

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**melissa wakefield** - February 02, 2022 at 06:26 PM

MW

*Handsome man!!*

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**melissa wakefield** - February 03, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 02, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 02, 2022 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ Our friend Joey Wakefield struggled with a heavy load. We pray that God saw his plight and took the weight from his shoulders to help him find eternal peace. Melissa, Darby, Jace, April, Josslyn, Jillian, Simon, Samuel and Aurora, we hope you find comfort in knowing that he loved all of you so very much. We share the emptiness you feel. And, look forward to filling that void with all our fond memories of a wonderful guy, our friend, Joey Wakefield.

*Janice & Jim Brown*

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**Jim Brown** - February 02, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MW

*Thank you Jim. We love you and Janice.*

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**melissa wakefield** - February 02, 2022 at 06:24 PM

PY

“ *Melissa, we love you so much. Joey was so fun to be around. We will always treasure our times with you and him. Fun! If you need anything please let us know!@*

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**Pam Young** - February 01, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 01, 2022 at 01:18 PM

MD

“ *Melissa, our thoughts and Prayers are with you and the family, so Sorry to hear about Joey. Just hard to believe!! What a great friend and Family man, going to miss him and that awesome Spirit he always had. The memories of all the times always good times we had, will be with me forever.*  
*Mickey*

Mickey Dyson - February 01, 2022 at 01:13 PM

MW

*Thank you Mickey. I really don't know what we will do without him!! I really don't!! I'm so sad and heartbroken.*

melissa wakefield - February 01, 2022 at 06:33 PM

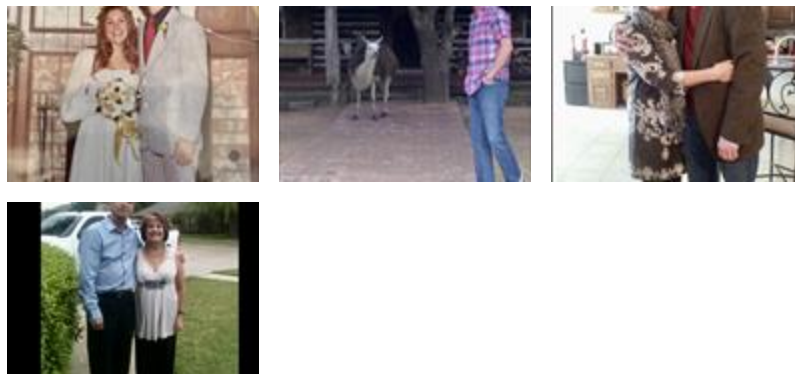
PY

*Melissa, our hearts & prayers are with you and family. We have had such great fun with you & Joey. He was such a great person & loved his stories. You, Melissa was so great for him  
Please let us know if we can do anything. Love you so much ❤️🙏*

Pam Young - February 01, 2022 at 10:09 PM

MM

“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Melia L Melton - February 01, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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February 01, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *So sorry for your families loss,  
God Bless your family prayers.  
Joey was a great guy.*

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**Gina Dare** - February 01, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *My memories of Joey, Melissa & all the crew back in Harrigans days with my parents (Rick&Karen) where all great! Joey was always kind, so funny, full smiles & laughs! I'm so very sorry for your alls loss! Melissa I love you,you & all your family are in our prayers! God Bless!*

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**Lori Young** - January 31, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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January 31, 2022 at 10:06 PM

DM

“ *Melissa, I am so very sorry for this great loss to you and to all the kiddos. Joey was such a super talented individual in so many ways. He always treated me with such respect and kindness and always made me feel very special. I know that Joey with Steve’s favorite nephew as he expressed this to me many times throughout the years. I hope they are in heaven together right now! I sincerely pray the Lord’s peace and comfort surround you now and in the coming days. 💕💕*

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**Deanna Moody** - January 31, 2022 at 10:04 PM

RY

“ *It breaks my heart to lose a friend as loyal and as good of a person as you, Joey. We once had a tight knit group that left quite a legacy at Harrigan’s. We solved all of the world’s problems and had more fun than most people will ever know. I love you, Melissa and your family and I wish we could have one more Saturday night toast with our crowd of friends. You left us much too soon my friend. May God bless your spirit.*

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**Rick Young** - January 31, 2022 at 09:33 PM

KM

“ *Katherine & Alan Moody purchased the Lovely O ne Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



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**Katherine & Alan Moody** - January 31, 2022 at 09:10 PM

AM

“ Dear Melissa, our thoughts go out to you and the rest of the family. Joey was a only a year older than me and a 2nd cousin. But, since he lived in Oklahoma, and I was stuck down in Texas, I always admired him from afar.

As I got older on my many visits to Oklahoma to visit the grandparents, or to take in an OU Football game, I decided to reach out to Joey and start a friendship from afar.

He stopped by a Moody family reunion in Calera around 1989 and we struck up a conversation. From that point on we touched base occasionally, and would usually meet up at OU/TX to say hello to each other, or run in to each other in Norman.

In the last 5 years or so we got to spend a little more quality time together taking in OU Softball games. I really enjoyed this late in life friendship with Joey, and will really, really, miss him.

Melissa, I really hope you can find some comfort in the love and memories you and Joey shared over the last 46 years. I know he loved you deeply and you were his lifetime soulmate.

Until next time Joey, my cousin, rest in peace and Boomer Sooner!

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Alan Moody - January 31, 2022 at 09:05 PM

MM

“ Wait until these two meet up. Joey and Uncle Guy - watch out! Fun memories.



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**Mel McVeigh** - January 31, 2022 at 08:50 PM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 31, 2022 at 07:32 PM

ME

*I LOVE the look on Sweet Josslyn's face!*

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**Mea** - February 01, 2022 at 12:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.



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January 31, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



January 31, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



January 31, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



January 31, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Melissa and Family, my heart breaks for you and the family. Joey was a wonderful, kind and loving man. He always had a warm smile and big hug for everyone. I pray that the wonderful memories and love you shared bring comfort to your broken heart. Love you and we are all here for you. Thoughts and prayers, Jeananne*

**Jeananne Madden** - January 31, 2022 at 03:31 PM

DM

*Melissa I'm so very sorry for this great loss to you and all of the kiddos. Joey was such a super talented individual In so many ways. He always treated me with such respect and kindness and always made me feel very special. I know that Joey was Steve's very Favorite nephew as he expressed that to me many times throughout the years. I hope they are in heaven together right now. I sincerely pray for The Lord's peace and comfort surround you now and in the coming days. 💕*

Deanna Moody - January 31, 2022 at 09:31 PM

SK

*“ Joey one of the best guys i have ever known. We all met when we were so young. I thought Joey and Mellisa were one of the cutest most fun couples i ever knew. Rest in peace my friend. Till we meet again! Shannon kinder*

shannon kindee - January 31, 2022 at 03:08 PM

KJ

*“ This ol world will not be the same without you brother. We have had so many good times in our life. Some of them that we swore to each other we would take to the grave. You have honored it and I promise I will too. Till we meet again. . Gods speed my friend.*



Kevin Jackson - January 31, 2022 at 02:42 PM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 31, 2022 at 02:13 PM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 31, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Joey always had the best smile of nearly anyone I've ever known. He was a fun-loving guy. Joey was a good friend of ours. He loved his family and they loved him. My continued prayers are with Melissa and family. Fly High Joey. I'll see ya on the other side.*

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**Jeannie Glaze** - January 31, 2022 at 01:58 PM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 31, 2022 at 12:12 PM

MW

*Thank you Stefny. I loved that man with all my heart and soul. Don't know what I will do without him. Big hole where my heart used to be.*

**Melissa Wakefield** - January 31, 2022 at 12:17 PM



**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 31, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joey Kent Wakefield.*



January 31, 2022 at 11:12 AM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 30, 2022 at 07:01 PM

DM

*I spent many Christmases at this home with these good people. Lots of memories... I am so sad to hear of Joey's passing. He and Melissa always made me feel special. My prayers are with Joey's family during this sad and difficult time. 💕*

**Deanna Moody** - January 31, 2022 at 09:28 AM



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**Stefny Hutchinson** - January 30, 2022 at 07:00 PM