



## Johnny Lee Tonihka

May 29, 1946 - June 15, 2015

Johnny Lee Tonihka passed from this life on Monday, June 15, 2015 in Oklahoma City, OK at the age of 69 years and 17 days. Johnny was born on May 29, 1946 in Talihina, OK to Ennie Tonihka. Johnny married Barbara Sue Shomo February 11, 1971 in Idabel, OK.

Johnny attended the Jones Academy in Hartshorne and Okmulgee Tech and worked as a watch repairman. He proudly served his Country in the United States Army from March 18, 1966 until his Honorable Discharge in February 28, 1968. He and his family moved to Durant 35 years ago from Norman, OK and he was a member of the Grace Indian Baptist Church and a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Johnny was full of life and his greatest joy in life was his family and friends. He was an avid OU and New England Patriots fan and enjoyed playing cards. He loved to joke and laugh and made friends wherever he went. He was a caring father and grandfather and always cheered on his children in their sports.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Ennie and Lee Cusher; brothers, Kenneth Ray Tonihka, Alfred G. Cusher and Lee Cusher Jr.; nephew, Michael D. Cusher; nieces, Neko Dodson and Taloa Noley and brother in law, Ricky Smithson.

Johnny leaves to cherish in memory, his wife Barbara Tonihka of Broken Bow,

OK; children, Adrienne Gregory and husband David of Durant, OK, Annette Choate and husband Russell of Broken Bow, OK, Johnny Tonihka Jr. and wife Kayla of Davis, OK and Jeremy (Bear) Tonihka of Davis, OK; grandchildren, Ashlyn Byington and husband Blayne and Brooklyn Choate; brothers, Elias Pete Cusher and wife Annette of Broken Bow, OK and Eddie Cusher of McAlester, OK; sisters, Ada Smithson of Dallas, TX, Myrtle Williston of Idabel, OK, Sharon Noley and husband Grayson of Norman, OK, Sue Dodson of Broken Bow, OK; brother-in-law Charles Griffin and wife Geirgie of Arkansas and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

A celebration of Johnny's life will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, June 19th at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant, OK. Rev. Richard Pickup will officiate. Interment will be in Denison Cemetery in Idabel, OK with David Gregory, Russell Choate, Blayne Byington, Robert Shawn Tonihka, Kenneth Tonihka, Gary Jackson, Robert Smith and Albert Curtis. Honorary pallbearers will be Roy Larney, Pete Cusher, Eddie Cusher and Eugene Cusher. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

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

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Lee Tonihka*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Can't believe we've been without Dad for over a month. Still miss him every day.*

**A Gregory** - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have known Johnny for several years since the wife and I opened our antique and collectible business in Madill. During this period of time, he has always been cordial and friendly as a businessman. We have referred numerous clients to him as a jeweler and ALL of them have said the same thing as far as fed back for his work.*

*HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY MY WIFE AND MYSELF ALONG WITH NUMEROUS CLIENTS HE HAD IN MADILL.*

*May God Bless!!!*

*Linda and Royce King*

*Old Market Mall*

**Royce King** - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you for the kind words about our dad. It has been amazing to see how many lives he touched in both his personal and professional lives.*

**Adrienne Gregory** - June 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. He was so kind and helpful to us and he will be greatly missed. God Bless the family.

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**Rickey & Margaret Clark** - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My sincere sympathy is extended to Johnny's family. I became acquainted with him through Howell's Jewelry. He did beautiful work. We enjoyed talking about Indian things.

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**Mary Jane Lowery** - June 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM