



## Merle Leon Ringle

July 28, 1940 - June 8, 2023

Merle Leon Ringle was born on July 28, 1940, in Salina, Kansas to George Stonebraker and Doris Lane (Starr) Ringle. Merle passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023, in Plano, Texas at the age of 82. Merle graduated from Salina High School and was the owner of Ringle Construction for many years until his retirement at eighty. He married Glenda Joyce Morris on December 20, 1986.

Merle is preceded in death by his father George Ringle; mother Doris Ringle and step mother Helen Ringle. Merle is survived by his loving and devoted wife Glenda Ringle of the home; children Gerry Ringle and wife Tatia of Royse City, TX, Josh Ringle and wife Caroline of Calera, OK, Chrissy Wood and husband Brian of Tulsa, OK, Jaimie Cotter and husband John of Tulsa, OK and Monica Herrera and husband Cisco of Boston; grandchildren Jordan Ward and husband Kevin, Drew Wood and wife Sydney, Landen Wood, July Ringle, Eli Ringle, Lilah Cotter, Avah Cotter, Jordan Cotter, Kendall Cotter, and Mercedes Herrera; great grandson Kaleb Ward; sister in law Rhonda Argo and husband Tony; brother in law Wendell Morris and wife Jennifer and numerous extended family and friends.

Merle Ringle was born into a construction family. He took to it like a duck to water. After high school he joined a company that constructed the Atlas Missile Sites. Honing his skills there he became a master builder. He was

promoted through the ranks to General Superintendent. Over the years he changed companies to begin building five and dime stores, Duke N Ayer's. Later moving to Durant in 1967 he became a trusted team member for Danielson Construction building elementary schools, Safeway Distribution Plant, and multiple facilities within Perrin Air Force Base. He began traveling supervising the building of Gibson stores across the country, taking his young son Gerry with him during summer months teaching him all about construction. With a growing family in Durant, he started his own construction company. His considerable skill meant he was in demand to build banks, medical and dental offices, correction facilities, hanger buildings and classrooms at Southeastern Aviation. He loved working and solving the day's problems on the construction site. Retiring a couple times over the years but always going back to work to keep himself busy. He worked until he was eighty years old.

Merle's second job was a husband, father, grandfather, and a great grandfather. He loved each of those roles dearly. He was a father to three girls and two boys. He became a patient teacher to them. Teaching his oldest son to be brave, he taught him to ride motorcycles and passed down his love of racing. He could listen to Gerry's racing stories endlessly. To his youngest son he gave his love of the outdoors. Trips to Colorado brought alive Josh's love of hunting and fishing. With three girls it was necessary to be strong but also have a mild manner. With his oldest daughter he watched many talent pageants. As Monica grew up she gained his strong independent spirit. Chrissy, Merle's second daughter, found herself with his creativity. Merle could conjure an idea then make it come to life. Jaimie, Merle's youngest daughter, received his love of life, determination and organizational skills. He thought of her as his mini me. Merle was quick to giggle and have a wide grin. He enjoyed his life and wanted that for his family as well. He doted on his wife, Glenda. Taking frequent trips together they loved making memories as a family. They traveled first with Josh and then later just the two of them visiting

all the grandkids and late in life even a great grandson.

Living in Caddo close to Glenda's family he gained even more family. He gained brothers and a sister; then nephews and a niece. He enjoyed the land they all shared. It brought him a second loving family. Surrounded by so much love, he was a happy man.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/GD428BF6H7W2XKLP>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
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Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle Leon Ringle*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - June 14, 2023 at 11:56 AM

MC

“ *RIP my friend and Father of my children...we gave life to four children so we would both be well represented as the years go on. The Good Lord tested us by blessing us with beautiful, intelligent, independent, and strong individuals. We accepted these gifts and worked hard to be sure they would know, love, and serve Him as God fearing individuals. It was time for you to go to Him. We can never forget you and will pray every day for you. Watch over us and keep us safe! Many hearts are broken. Our parents will be so happy to see you.*

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**marlyn dreiling compton** - June 15, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.*

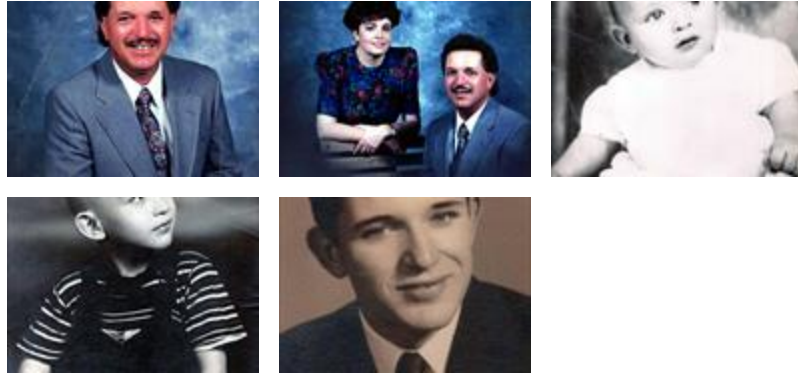


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June 14, 2023 at 02:39 PM



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



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - June 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.*



June 14, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Have such fun memories of Uncle Merle. Sending his family thoughts and prayers during this sad time. May God hold you in his loving arms as you go through this time.*



**Mary Kolsky** - June 13, 2023 at 10:08 PM

JA

“ *I miss you*



jaimie - June 13, 2023 at 06:19 PM

JC

“ *Julie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Merle Leon Ringle*



Julie Caldwell - June 13, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.*



June 13, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Merle Leon Ringle.*

June 13, 2023 at 09:49 AM

MF

“ Our sincere condolences for the family during this time. We hope you find strength and peace knowing he is with God, in a place we cannot even imagine.

Matt Fisher - June 13, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MF

Written by Lana Flood, representing WoodHaus, Inc.

Matt Fisher - June 13, 2023 at 12:16 PM

TT

“ The WoodHaus Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.



The WoodHaus Team - June 13, 2023 at 09:22 AM

TT

“ The WoodHaus Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Leon Ringle.

The WoodHaus Team - June 13, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.



June 13, 2023 at 09:19 AM

ME

“ *Me lit a candle in memory of Merle Leon Ringle*



Me - June 13, 2023 at 01:55 AM

CW

“ *I love you dad*



Chrissy Wood - June 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM

GR

“ *Gerry Ringle lit a candle in memory of Merle Leon Ringle*



Gerry Ringle - June 12, 2023 at 06:11 PM

KK

*So terribly sad to hear of Merle's passing he was a very dear friend for more than sixty years I will miss him*

Kathleen Kugeler - December 23, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merle Leon Ringle.* ”



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June 12, 2023 at 02:29 PM