



Richard Eugene Chase

September 6, 1942 - July 26, 2014

Richard Eugene Chase, 71, of Durant was born September 6, 1942 in Gotebo, OK to Samuel Chase and Blanch Thomas Chase, and passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at his home in Durant. Richard was baptized into the First Baptist Church in 1957 in Swan Lake, OK. He was married to Opal Darlene Herrick in 1962 in Hobart. They divorced in 1976. Richard joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 16. He served 12 years including two combat tours in Vietnam before receiving a medical retirement with the rank of Gunnery Sgt. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Naval Achievement Award along with other medals. Following his retirement from the Marines, he attended school on the GI Bill at Eastern Oklahoma State College where he graduated with honors with a degree in journalism in 1975.

Richard moved to Atoka in 1976 where he was advertising manager until 1977 when assumed duties as editor until 1984. He was a member of the Atoka Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the Atoka Elks Lodge. He moved to Durant in 1984 and was program planner at Big Five Community Services. While working at Big Five he became involve in many community projects. He wrote the grant for the current Southern Oklahoma Rural Transportation System (SORTS). He served six years on the Bryan County United Way board of directors and one year as president. He was co-

founder and past president of Bryan County Community Services Council, past president and board member of CASA, board member of Bryan County FEMA. Richard was the editor of the Durant Daily Democrat from 1992 to 1995 before working as a program planner and grant writer for Little Dixie Community Services in Hugo. He officially retired in 1998 and spent several years traveling in his RV, before turning to Lake Texoma and a houseboat. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren, fishing, hunting and gardening. He was always a Marine and wrote his life story to be handed down to his children and future generations. Richard overcame cancer of the larynx and lost his voice, but never his ability to communicate. He resumed writing as a freelance and enjoyed writing features about local people who excelled or overcame obstacles. He enjoyed his Facebook family and using the social network to provide a service to help individuals and organizations.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Kenneth Mosier, and a niece Gwen Pinner.

Richard is survived by three children, two sons, Ricky and Kerry, both of Atoka, a daughter Victoria of McAlester, five grandchildren, Tyler Kerns, of McAlester, Chris Martin, Brittany Chase, Kerry Brian Chase and Koby Chase all of Atoka; great grandchildren, Livee and Lux Martin; a sister Coralinda Kloberdanz of Durant, mother of his children Darlene Chase; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at

Brown's Funeral Service Chapel Durant. Interment will follow at Green Meadows in Atoka with the local VFW serving as pallbearers. Family hour will be held from 6-8PM, Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at Brown's Funeral Service Durant.

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Previous Events

Family Hour

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 12:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Eugene Chase*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Great thumbnail. :]*

cornell tahdooahnippah - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We all lost a very special man when Richard Chase passed from this life. I did not know him personally but felt like I did through his writings and his contributions to our community. I always enjoyed his comments on the Bryan County Sound off on face book. He is missed and will be for a long time to come.*

May God bless you, his family. Praying for his family. be

Vonda Cavender - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I haven't known Richard all that many years but I will remember him fondly and often for the rest of my days. He was a man with a passion for people and loved helping them and passed that on to anyone who met him. I hope he knew how many of us loved him. Rest in peace, Richard.*

Elizabeth Horton-McBride - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time.

Larry & Lana Hurt (Patriot Guard Riders) - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My heart breaks because of the loss of your dear loved one and my friend.

May God fill every need you have as you go through this difficult time.

Shay

Shay Hervey - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Ricky, Kerry, and Vickie;

So sorry to hear about your Dad. My families prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love my old neighborhoods friends.nKim

Kim Treat Fields - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Betty Rose - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. My condolences to his family. Dan

Dan Cary - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM