



Russell G. Townsend

October 12, 1951 - June 22, 2025

Durant, OK- Russell G. Townsend, 73, former Dallas, Texas resident, passed from this life on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, at Featherstone Assisted Living in Durant.

Russell was born on Friday, October 12th, 1951, in Paddington, England to George Luther Townsend and Margaret Eveline (Newsome) Townsend. Russell was ranked as a Sergeant who served in the United States Air Force from 1973 until 1977 as a Veteran of Peacetime and the Vietnam era. Russell is a proud graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. His degree in Chemistry led to his role in the USAF as a medical laboratory specialist where he worked state side and in Vietnam to sample and characterize Agent Orange herbicide for disposal.

Russell married Carol Marie McNally on April 22, 2006, in Dallas. He worked as an EHS Specialist for many years until his retirement in 2015, where he continued to focus on his recovery from a brain injury. As a part of Russell's recovery he became a member of BIN (Brain Injury Network) of Plano, Texas, whose mission is to provide tools and a bridge of support to adult survivors of brain injury (such as traumatic brain injury, stroke, anoxia, and brain cancer) to reconnect into life, the community, and the workplace. In lieu of flowers please feel free to make donations to: www.theBIND.org in order to support other

brain injury survivors.

Russell was an avid golfer and a master BBQ chef, but above all, he was a loving father devoted husband, and cherished friend. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents and his stepsister Pam, as well as his infant son, Jamie.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Durant; a sister, Ginny Townsend; a son, Ian Townsend and his wife Emily of Dallas, their children Madelyn Jane Townsend and Margaret Louisa Townsend; daughter Christel Stuart and her husband Austin, their child Riley Paige Stuart; step-son Benjamin Vines of Plano, Texas, his daughter Olivia Jewel Vines; step-daughter Barbra Vines and her daughter Ava Marie Vines, and Charlie and Murphy, Russell's loyal canine companions.

Russell is forever young and forever loved. His final act will be his cremation burial service with Military Honors which will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 24th, 2025 at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery located at 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211. Carol respectfully requests friends and family to arrive no later than 10:45 AM as we will be escorted from a public information area then led to a pavilion.

Following the memorial service for Russell, you are warmly invited to join Carol and the family for a burger and beer at Jakes Burgers-Lake Highlands (Russells' early stomping grounds) located at 6606 Skillman Street, Dallas, Texas 75321. In tribute to Russell, guests are welcome to wear Texas Tech colors or other spirit attire. Guns up!

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.c

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Cemetery Details

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211
(214) 467-3374

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Russell from BIND in Plano, TX. We talked a lot about Texas Tech, golf & baseball. He was a good man and a good friend. Rest in Peace Red Raider!,
Ted Hilburn

Ted Hilburn - June 28, 2025 at 02:37 PM

KK

“ Russell was a kind sweet friend at BIND ! Always speaking of Carol and his family and his faith....he inspired others with their hope and courage.....I truly will miss him but know he is in a peaceful heaven! My deepest sympathies to the family....



Karen Kuryla - June 26, 2025 at 09:27 AM

BV

“ Holidays with Russell aka “Santa Claus” Townsend were so fun. He wore a Santa hat with a big grin on his face all day, spreading joy with his “Ho, ho, ho’s”!! He loved Christmas and man, could he cook! Yorkshire Pudding, Cream corn, fried or smoked turkey.



Barbra Vines - June 25, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BV

“ I had the pleasure of being apart of Russell life the past 20 years. He was the kind of person that made you feel loved, listened to, and supported. He was loyal to his family and would do anything for us. In the last few years of life he enjoyed gardening, sitting outside in the sun, and listening to church services on TV. His love for life and positivity was evident! No matter what he was going through he would greet you with that “Hello” in his signature deep voice Russell had. I’ll never forget how much he loved my Mom, his grand daughter Ava, and me. Rest in Peace RT. Thank you for everything Pop.



Barbra Vines - June 25, 2025 at 07:48 PM

VA

“ Russell was the kind of person whose presence made the room feel lighter, even when life had handed him some of its heaviest burdens. After his stroke he joined the BIND Clubhouse program - where he faced each day with resilience and a spirit that never wavered. He didn't dwell on what he had lost — instead, he poured his energy into what he could still give. And he gave so much.

At BIND, Russell was known for his unwavering positivity and his readiness to step in whenever a challenge arose. He never looked the other way when there was a need — he met it head-on, offering his time, his effort, and his heart. His honesty about his struggles only deepened the respect others had for him. He knew himself — his strengths and his limits — and he carried that self-awareness with grace and humility.

If you spent even a few minutes with Russell, one truth became immediately clear: Carol was the center of his world. His love and admiration for her radiated from every story, every glance, every moment he spoke her name. That kind of devotion was a testament to the depth of his character — loyal, loving, and deeply human.

We will miss Russell's strength, his humor, and his tireless spirit. To his family - I am so sorry for your loss.

~Valerie Gotcher

Valerie - June 24, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SG

“ I am truly sorry for your loss Russell was one of the sweetest men I have ever known he will be dearly missed

Shauna Gillis - June 23, 2025 at 09:29 PM



Your caring and healing hands will never be forgotten Shauna

Townsend Carol - June 24, 2025 at 07:48 PM