



## Terry Don Mayes

July 30, 1949 - May 13, 2017

Terry Don Mayes entered this life on July 30, 1949 in Duncan, OK, born to Leon and Bertia (Kiker) Mayes. Terry went home to be with his Lord and Savior on May 13, 2017 in Durant, OK at the age of 67 years.

Terry attended Elementary and Middle School in Healdon, OK, and graduated from Ashland High School class of 1968 in Kansas . He married Donna Armstrong on August 31, 2012. Terry worked for Sprint in the mail center as a mail coordinator for many years. He enjoyed fishing, golf, and collecting barbed wire, but most of all he loved spending time with his family. Terry will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Proceeding him in death are his parents, Leon and Bertia Mayes, sister, Marcella Ellis, brother, David Mayes.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Donna Joyce Mayes of the home; daughters, Teri Luna and husband Tony of Des Moines, IA, Talia Mayes of Overland Park, KS, and Erica Powers; sister, Barb Hicks and husband Ron of North Platte, NE; 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, along with numerous other family, friends and loved ones.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Dixie Cemetery in Stephens County, OK with Pastor Kerry Groce officiating.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Patton, Devon Patton, Ron Hicks, Dalton Hicks, Paul Hicks, Allen Hicks, Tony Luna, Don Ellis and Jack Armstrong. Family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the Brown's Funeral Service Chapel from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM for Family Hour.

Online Condolences can be made to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAY **16.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Terry Don Mayes

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ Dad, I can't believe it's almost been two years since you left your life on Earth and there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you. I love you so very much. Sissy and I talked today and well.. You know what the plan is. And it's for you. Because questions to be answered. And we deserve to know the truth. I truly miss that great sense of humor of yours... And your compassion for your family and life. I wish I could give you a hug and hear your laugh more than anything. I love you so very much Daddy! Rest in Peace. Until we meet again....



Love Always,  
Talia Marie ❤️💙💚

Talia Mayes - May 08, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Terry Don Mayes.



May 16, 2017 at 12:52 PM

NT

“ Terry was originally married to Rick's cousin Regina. But our memories of Terry were that he played guitar with Rick in their little high school band, The Day Trippers. Rick remembers Terry as being pretty shy but such a nice guy. Said they had lots of fun at Ashland with the band. Sorry we lost touch with him over the years but were facebook friends so kept up with his daughter Teri and the relationship they had in these later years. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire family as you mourn. Nancy Trease, McPherson, Kansas

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**Nancy Trease** - May 16, 2017 at 09:04 AM

TM

*I love this memory of my dad. Thank you for sharing this.*

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**Talia Mayes** - May 23, 2017 at 07:21 AM

JW

*Terry was my first real boyfriend in high school. I'll never forget him giving me his watch. He was a sweet spirit and a respectful boyfriend. I have many fun memories of him.*

*Jane Bell Wallace, Wichita, Ks*

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**Jane Wallace** - March 22, 2022 at 10:02 AM

PH

“ Uncle, we didn't know each other very well until you moved to Texas. We immediately became friends going to the shooting range, looking at the universe through your cool telescope, listening to your joke and playing board and card games. We were always laughing, and speaking of laughing I'll never forget the time we went out to eat for Donnas Birthday standing outside the restaurant you pulled out a piece of fuzz and through it down, so I did the same , this repeated back and fourth for probably 6 or 7 times until I through down all my change in my pocket because I was out of pocket lent. We laughed for a long time over that. Thanks for all the great conversations we had from anything from the on-line ancestor webpage that you worked so hard on to camping, to home remodeling. Please know that I love and miss you and am very thankful for getting the chance to know and bond with you. Until we meet again uncle, I'll keep you in my heart and look after little Terry for you.

Paul Hicks - May 16, 2017 at 01:22 AM

TM

Awww..i love this. Erica and I just laughed so hard over this. I can just imagine you guys throwing the lent back and forth on the ground and then the change. Oh my goodness.. That's hilarious. Thank you for sharing this and thank you for the laugh Paul. (and Dad!) 🤣💕🤣

Talia Mayes - May 16, 2017 at 01:40 AM

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Talia Mayes - May 16, 2017 at 01:08 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Talia Mayes** - May 16, 2017 at 01:07 AM



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**Talia Mayes** - May 16, 2017 at 01:06 AM

TM

“ Daddy,

*I want you to know how wonderful of a man you are. You always have had my back and have never turned away from me or judged me for any crazy decision I may have made in my life up until now. That's my absolute favorite thing about you Dad. Number one... You have never been judgemental... You gave your opinion or advice, but we're always willing to accept anyone just the way they were. Never once can I ever recall you being mad at me for doing something you didn't think I should've done. You just accepted it and trusted that I was prepared for any consequences, but you were also there to support me and emotionally help me during any hardship. Your acceptance of life and living it to the fullest and your acceptance of people in general was something I admired about you. Two... Your SENSE OF HUMOR! Gosh, nobody has made me laugh more than you have, Dad. With your waving to no one in the back yard, to you passing gas in the Walmart aisle and walking away leaving me in the dust. Dad!! Lol. No matter how embarrassing it was, you just wanted to see us laugh. Now that I think about it all... You lived to see the smiles on our faces, whether we were playing horseshoes while at our camp-site, hollering hoody-hooooo and singing 2 pina coladas rowing down the river, or singing songs and slappin knees while you played the keyboard with your fake pinkie finger....it was all to see the smiles on your daughters faces. I will forever cherish every camping trip, every canoe trip, every time we went golfing together, every screened-in porch/deck we built together, our ski trip in Colorado, the Ellis Reunions, our trip to the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and the most recent trip you and Donna made to KC to come see my home... We had a blast just sitting in my living room with Sissy and Tony and the kiddos singing songs together while you played the guitar.. ..gosh... There's so many memories we made together...and I love every single one of them. And get this Dad... I talked to the girls on Sunday, and Olivia said the sweetest thing. She said "Mommy, I'm really sorry about Papa Terry. I said thank you sweetie...and she started crying and I said its okay sweetie... She said I know mommy, I'm just so sad. And then she said "I can only*

*imagine... " At that point I started bawling my eyes out and she said mommy are you there? I said yes and I said "Olivia... You are the most compassionate little girl I've ever known in my life... And that right there is what I love most about you" Dad... She put herself in my shoes and just imagined what it would be like to lose her own father and just felt so much pain for me. Thinking about it makes me tear up..and she gets that compassion from me and I get it from you. You always cared for everyone around you and wanted nothing but the best for your family and wanted to spend every moment you could with your family. I love you for that and for everything else I've mentioned here. And I'm so sad that I didn't get to say goodbye to you. This wasn't suppose to happen like this. I want one more hug and one more "I love you too Talia" and one more visit. But, God chose now and there's nothing I can do about it. I just know that you earned yourself some big ol' sparkly wings....I just know it. And I ask that you always look after Jeremy and I as we build our lives together and I ask that you be a guardian angel for my two beautiful daughters, your two blondie granddaughters. Please protect them and all of the family and know that I am gonna miss the heck outta you, you silly thing! Thank you for all the laughs and all the memories. I will always love you and I will teach the girls to love the Great Outdoors just as you did for me. Rest in Peace Daddy. Until we meet again... Love Talia Marie Mayes*



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**Talia Mayes** - May 16, 2017 at 01:05 AM

BG

“ Terry was one of the finest men Bryan and I have had the honor to call a great friend . Bryan asked him years back if he would help him out a screened in porch on our home and of course Terry being Terry said of course . The man could build anything. As it turned out Bryan was his helper and Terry was the builder. It if course came out beautiful. We had so much fun with him. Cook outs games, everything . Not many men like him and gone way to soon. Our heart break for Donna, his kids and other family. He was a special man. Still in disbelief. We loved him and will cherish all the smiles and laughter 😭



Bryan and Julie Gordon - May 16, 2017 at 12:28 AM

TM

Thank you for sharing this memory of him. 💕

Talia Mayes - May 16, 2017 at 01:43 AM

DT

Dear Donna, this unwelcome news came as a surprise to me. I am so sorry for your loss. May peace and understanding and the love of God comfort and hold you. Your friend, Donna Greaves Thomas

Donna Thomas - May 16, 2017 at 06:57 AM

BG

Talia this man loved you girls and grandchild with his entire golden heart! He was one of the finest and I'm still in disbelief. Love to all of you 😭

Bryan and Julie Gordon - May 18, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Don Mayes.*



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May 15, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ *Heh Bro*

*I wasn't ready to let you go. It is way to soon and your to young. I love you so much and we had built an unbreakable bond. I can't tell you how much it means to me that I got to spend the last two weeks with you and Donna. I will cherish that time with you forever. I will definitely miss our weekly and sometimes daily calls to one another. I don't know how to go on without you but I must. I can't wait until the day I see you again and know that I will think of you daily for the rest of my life. You are a brother that I looked up to and adored. Tell Sila, David, and Momma and Daddy hi from me Love you so much Bro*

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**barb hicks** - May 15, 2017 at 09:24 PM



*Oh aunt Bobo I didn't realize that you were the only one left. I'm so sorry. I will be by your side aunt Bobo!*

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**Teri Luna** - May 15, 2017 at 09:39 PM



*We are always here for you Aunt Bobo. 💕*

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**Talia Mayes** - May 16, 2017 at 01:49 AM

Teri  
Luna

“ Dad, you left without saying goodbye and that breaks my heart. I have so many things that I want to say to you. I am so sorry for not calling you up and saying " hey! You deaf old man, I LOVE YA!". Thanks for giving me life and giving me the sense of humor to sit back and enjoy it. You are a great man and even though I never told you so I hope that you can look and see it in my heart. In 2 days I'll have to say good bye to you in person. And I don't want to. This is such an evil thing ,. I'm just so mad at whoever did this to you or made the decision that it was your time. Cuz it's not and I want you back. I'm not done with you!! But I will try to do this, cuz I have no other choices. I will be ur oldest, and yes I loved you first! I will be there to try to be the strongest of your 3. Just remember when we see each other again that I expect some answers for putting me thru this(lol). Ur about to start your journey and I will have to say goodbye, but just no that this not forever! 💜💜💜 I love you dad, please watch over me!! Love Teri Lee 💜💜💜



Teri Luna - May 15, 2017 at 08:46 PM

DM

I was never so shocked as when you had to leave this world Saturday morning! I thought we had many more years together! As the saying goes.... He only takes the best & that was you! I know I have to accept God's will & you are now in paradise ! Rest well my darling! Until we meet again. take care of everyone, I love you!

Donna Mayes - May 15, 2017 at 09:29 PM

TM

I love you Sissy. We will get to the bottom of this. Dad is looking down so proud of us. Love you. 🥹

Talia Mayes - May 23, 2017 at 07:23 AM