



David A Rife

December 26, 1942 - February 6, 2022

David A. Rife, age 79, of Grove, OK passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

David was born on December 26, 1942, to Kenton and Ruth (Goodrich) Rife in Columbus, KS. He graduated from Altamont High School in Altamont, KS in 1960. He then joined the National Guard.

On September 18, 1966, David married the love of his life, Jo LaPee, in Nowata, OK and the couple made their home in Wichita.

David was a Sheet Metal Aircraft Mechanic and worked for TWA for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He then went back to work for FedEx for 5 years before completely retiring.

In 2001, the couple moved to Grove, where David was a member of the VFW, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and American Legion. He enjoyed playing golf with his buddies in Noel, MO, fishing, hunting and woodworking. In his younger days, David traveled around the U.S. playing softball for the TWA softball team.

David was a straight shooter with a tough exterior, but underneath he was a fun loving guy that loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Stanley Rife.

Left to cherish his memory, wife, Jo Rife; son, Randy Rife (Tina) of Goodyear, AZ; daughter, Ronda Rife of Grove, OK; brother, Ronald Rife, sisters, Susan Bates and Karla Cook all of Oswego, KS; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A casual gathering for friends and family will be from 4-6pm Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Nichols-Stephens Reception Center.

Previous Events

Gathering for family and friends

FEB **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
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Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David A Rife



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - February 10, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ David A Rife

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Thinking of you, Susan, during this time. I did not know your brother, but know the passing of a sibling can be difficult. I've lost both of my sisters. May God wrap his comforting arms around you. - LCHS '72 classmate, Rita Adams

Rita - February 16, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ So sorry for your loss
He was an awesome man. Great memories of everyone on the lake
Beautiful memorial video
Prayers for the family



Ginny Husong - February 11, 2022 at 07:42 AM

MW

“ *Sorry for your loss Susan....Prayers.*

Michael Westhoff - February 10, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of David A Rife.*



February 09, 2022 at 12:11 AM

DE

“ *So very sorry for your loss, Susan. Lots of love, hugs and prayers are with you. Debbie Ewbank*

Debbie Ewbank - February 08, 2022 at 10:39 PM

EW

“ *So saddened, Susan, to hear of your brother's passing. May you find comfort in your memories of times you shared.*

Evelyn (Ekhoff) Williamson - February 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM