



## David "Turk" Vanderpool

July 18, 1957 - May 10, 2026

David "Turk" Vanderpool, aged 68, unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at his home near Wyandotte, Oklahoma. Born on July 18, 1957, in Grove, Oklahoma, to Russell and Florine (Worten) Vanderpool, he was a lifelong resident of the area and a cherished member of the community. Turk graduated from Grove High School in 1975 and dedicated much of his career to serving his hometown. He worked for 20 years in the transportation department of Grove Public Schools and spent another 18 years with the City of Grove's street department. Alongside these commitments, he was passionate about farming, haying, and working dairy cattle, activities that kept him connected to the land and his roots.

A faithful member of Bible Baptist Church in Grove, Turk's faith was an important aspect of his life. He was known for being a kid at heart, always ready with a joke and a laugh. His love for talking about politics, his Boston terrier Buttons, and his fondness for apple pie were well known among his friends and family. Turk was also a devoted family man, deeply loving his children and grandchildren, from whom he earned the affectionate nickname "Papa." His hobbies included fishing, watching westerns, and enjoying time with his grandkids.

Turk's favorite color was blue, and the family suggests that those attending his service might wear blue to honor him.

Turk is survived by his wife, Mary Vanderpool; children, Stephanie Vanderpool (Zak Marta), Tyffanie Hembree (Seth), Rick Rowe (Janet), and Larry Rowe;

siblings, Donna Gates, Ruby Ward, Donald Vanderpool (Kay), and Earl “Gene” Vanderpool (Delores); nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren with another on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Pat Cox, Nancy Vanderpool, Jack Vanderpool, Clint Vanderpool; and brother-in-law, Jody Gates.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5-7 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Bible Baptist Church in Grove, Oklahoma. Burial to follow at Olympus Cemetery North.

Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, OK, is assisting the family during this time.

Donations to assist the family may be made to Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service. Turk's legacy of laughter, love, and community service will be remembered by all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Olympus Cemetery North

Grove, OK 74344

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bible Baptist Church  
28050 S. 630 Rd  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-3466

*Visitation Thursday May 14, 2026 from 5-7pm at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Home*

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ Roper Young and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David "Turk" Vanderpool.



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**Roper Young and Family** - May 14 at 03:08 PM

LF

“ My sweet Mary. My heart is breaking for you. I was deeply saddened and shocked to hear about the passing of your dear Turk. He was a wonderful man and will be remembered fondly by all who were lucky enough to know him. I haven't seen you for awhile, but I dearly remember your kindness, sweetness, and your always present smile. You are a forever friend. I will lift up your name in prayer and those of your family. Your life was blessed by Turk. With much fondness. Leah Anne Fletcher

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**Leah Anne Fletcher** - May 13 at 07:09 PM

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“ - your family at the Sand Springs Home purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David "Turk" Vanderpool.



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**- your family at the Sand Springs Home** - May 13 at 03:57 PM

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“ - your family at the Sand Springs Home planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Turk" Vanderpool.

- your family at the Sand Springs Home - May 13 at 03:57 PM

DT

“ Sweet Mary, I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. Turk was a good man and you were so blessed to have him. Many prayers for you.

Dawn Threet - May 13 at 11:15 AM

DB

Mary so sorry for your loss I have known turk and you dor a lot of years turk was a good man and will be missed by many. May God bless you and be with you through this rough time

Don Burleson - May 13 at 04:33 PM

LF

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Leah Anne Fletcher - May 13 at 06:55 PM

CP

Mary, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of David. He was always a smiling face and fun to visit with when he came into the clinic. I always enjoyed our visits and his laughter. Praying for you and your family during this time. Chad (Urgent Care of Grand Lake)

Chad A Perkins - May 14 at 10:34 AM