



Gary N. Crittenden

July 18, 1952 - December 20, 2020

Gary N. Crittenden, age 68, of Grove, Oklahoma passed away on Sunday December 20, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma after experiencing complications from a kidney transplant. Gary was born on July 18, 1952 in Noel Missouri to Dee L. and Inez L. (Reece) Crittenden.

Gary graduated from Grove High School with the Class of 1970. He married Cherri Drake in Southwest City, Missouri in 1972. They have been lifelong residents of the area. Gary worked for Delaware County for 20 years before retiring 6 years ago.

He was an accomplished bluegrass musician, and his favorite instrument was the banjo. He was a member of the locally famous 'Peters Prairie Boys' for many years. He was a working cowboy and horseman and enjoyed team roping when younger. Gary was a kind man who saw the good in everyone. Anyone who met him became his friend. He is described as "the sweetest, most patient person ever, making him easy to love". He was a dedicated father, husband and grandfather who loved his family immensely.

Gary was preceded in death by his father Dee Crittenden and daughter Nicole.

Left to cherish his memory; wife Cherri of the home in Grove, mother Inez of

Grove, sons Justin, wife Jennifer, and grandchildren Paige, Reagan, Ian, Dee, Anna, and great granddaughter Reese of Kerrville, Texas and Corey, with grandchildren Pacen and Alex of Grove; daughters Lacey Fields, husband Dustin, and grandchildren Emma and Garren of Grove, and Caitlin, husband Josh Moffett, and grandchildren Hagen and Hank of Southwest City, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2 pm Wednesday, December 23 at Crosswired Cowboy Church east of Grove. Interment will be in Polson Cemetery near Southwest City. All under the direction of Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services, Grove, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-6761
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

Celebration of Life

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crosswired Cowboy Church
28565 S 670 Rd
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall



“ Gary N. Crittenden

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ We are sadden by the news of Gary our thought and prayers r with Cheri and her family

Cheryle and David Tallman - December 25, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ Jerry enjoyed getting aqainted with Gary and playing bluegrass with him at Butler Church and at “Jerry’s Music” in SWCITY. Gary was a talented guy! He will be missed. Save a spot for Jerry in the Angel Bluegrass Band!

Our love and Prayers. Lark & Jerry Hallum

Lark Hallum - December 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary N. Crittenden.



December 23, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ I am so sorry for your and your family's loss. Gary was a wonderful man, with a big heart and kind soul. The world has lost a ray of sunshine, and Heaven gained an angel.

Lisa Tracy - December 23, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gary N. Crittenden.*



December 22, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Gary was such a wonderful man. Always had a smile on his face and ready to help anyone in need. I know he will be missed by many. My heart aches for his family during this difficult time. I will be praying for all of you.*

Rachel Holcomb - December 22, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gary N. Crittenden.*



December 22, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Gary and my family were neighbors in my first years of life. We visited each other almost daily. Mom made a chocolate cake one day when they came over. I licked the frosting bowl. At 3, I still had it on my face. Gary asked mom if there was any more. She said no. So as I was sitting on Inez' lap, he licked it off my face. They always teased him about it throughout the years. He will be missed.*

Sandra Easter Holt - December 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gary N. Crittenden.*



December 22, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mitch and Deb purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary N. Crittenden.*



Mitch and Deb - December 22, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers to the family. Sandra Vaughn*

Sandra Vaughn - December 22, 2020 at 07:31 AM



“ *Cherri and family my thoughts and prayers are with you all. My heart is heavy but know that Big Joe met Gary at the gates. I'm out of town with my daughter for the week but will be with you in spirit at service. Will call later next week. Gary was a great man and loved by many. Karen Carpenter*



Karen Carpenter - December 22, 2020 at 12:56 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss my prayers go out to each and every one of the entire family. I have known Gary my entire life he was like a big brother him and my brother grew up together. Again I'm so very sorry my heart breaks for each and everyone of you.

Tina Thole (Law) - December 21, 2020 at 10:50 PM

CB

“ Dear Cherrie and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary was truly a kind and gentle human being. I have very fond memories of our visits and the time spent with Gary. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Carol Burns

Carol Burns - December 21, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JA

“ We've known Gary for many years. He was a super wonderful guy. Sending our thoughts of sympathy and prayers for God to give you strength and comfort.

Jerry and Linda Abercrombie - December 21, 2020 at 07:39 PM

ME

“ Meelee lit a candle in memory of Gary N. Crittenden



Meelee - December 21, 2020 at 06:47 PM

ME

“ *I am saddened by Gary's passing. He was a wonderful man.
Prayers for his family.*

Meelee - December 21, 2020 at 06:46 PM

CA

“ *Cherri and family we are so sorry for your loss. I know Gary was
loved by so many. He will be dearly missed.*

Carolina and Charley Arnold - December 21, 2020 at 04:56 PM

KL

“ *So saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He was the nicest person in
the world. Our sympathies go out to all of his lovely family. He will
be missed dearly!
Sending prayers and love from your Seattle family,
Kyna, Bill, Alexis and Ara*

kyna lee - December 21, 2020 at 04:50 PM