



Ricky Lane Sala

January 31, 1954 - March 23, 2026

Ricky Sala, age 72, passed away on March 23, 2026, at his home in Grove, Oklahoma. He was born on January 31, 1954, in Vinita, Oklahoma, to Ernest and Ellamae (Morris) Sala.

Graduating in 1972 from Grove High School, Ricky was a proud Ridgerunner. After high school, he began as a greenskeeper at Shangri La before finding his true calling as a boat mechanic at Tera Miranda. For 30 years, Ricky worked tirelessly in this role, earning the respect and admiration of those who knew him for his skill and commitment.

Ricky married Helen Mikulan on September 10, 1977, beginning a partnership that spanned nearly five decades. Together they built a life filled with love and shared experiences.

In his free time, Ricky could often be found enjoying NASCAR races or tending to his garden. His love for the outdoors was evident in his passion for anything involving the lake—whether it was boating or fishing.

Known for his friendly demeanor and charismatic personality, Ricky embodied the spirit of a "good ol' boy," leaving an impression on everyone he met. His memory will be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, son, Ricky Sala, Jr., daughter, Shannon Ray and brother, Larry Sala.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Helen Sala, three children, Amy Burrell (James) of Grove, Christopher Sala (Josie) of Joplin, Mo and Summer Kennedy (Lenny Marsh) of Grove, OK., brother Ron Sala, 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

There will be a visitation for Ricky on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 from 5-7 at Nichols-Stephens Funeral home. Graveside services will be held at Hickory Grove Cemetery at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 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

Graveside Service

APR 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery
24201 S. 595 Rd
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall

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“ Ricky was one of the first people I met when I came to grove.through the years our friendship grew. He was a mentor and a very good friend. He will be missed.

Laura Maloney - June 10 at 10:29 AM

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“ Rick was a best friend to us. He would bring candy, stuff he knew I liked , lol , he was our good friend. I love them both. He gave me my first swimming pool. I loved it . He was a great man , ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏prayers for his family.💔😭

Clydene Thulin ,Roy Carmickle - March 28 at 02:37 PM