



Tony Lee Barrett

May 17, 1959 - January 18, 2026

Tony Lee Barrett, age 66, of Grove, Oklahoma passed away in Joplin, Missouri on Sunday, January 18, 2026. He was born on May 17, 1959, in Groom, Texas to Bill and Mattie (West) Barrett. He grew up in Grove, Oklahoma, where he attended Grove Schools.

He was a cherished member of the community and a loving figure to his extensive family. Tony's big smile and hearty laughter endeared him to nearly everyone he met, but his siblings remained his closest allies throughout his life, and especially during the last few months as his health declined.

His early career as a Grove Firefighter showcased his dedication to community service. Tony owned and operated Tony Barrett's Wrecker Service and Auto Repair, which became a well-known and valued staple in the community.

He was a man of faith and a faithful believer of Jesus Christ. His life reflected the values he cherished from his faith, showing kindness and a willingness to help others at every opportunity.

Tony was a caring man with a giant heart. He delighted in spoiling his grandchildren at every opportunity, hiding 'toy' money above his car visor, a spot well known to each child. 'Dad' and 'Papa' were titles he proudly embraced, but his nieces and nephews were just as cherished and

considered him the greatest 'Uncle Tony'. He was also affectionately known to his closest friends and family by a variety of nicknames, including 'Captain', 'Tuba', and 'Roundman'.

Tony's passions included all things automotive, especially hot rods and NASCAR, with Dale Earnhardt being his favorite racer. Tony might have been known to have done a few (or a lot of) burnouts himself. He was also an avid football fan, loyally supporting both the Dallas Cowboys and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tony is survived by his children, Nicholas Barrett of Tulsa, Kelsy Barrett (Lenzie Maples) of Grove, Jamie Tate (Curtiss) of Grove, and Lucas Irvine of Kansas City; siblings Terry Barrett (Janet) of Grove, Kathy Greer of El Paso, TX, and Delisa Keith (Kyle) of Grove. He was also a proud grandfather to Jaelynn Barrett, Brentley Barrett, Alisha Barrett and Tucker Tate. Tony leaves behind his adored nieces and nephews, including Dalton Barrett (Hilary), Holly, Danika, Arabella, Kade Keith, and great-nieces Emberlyn Barrett and Kinzley Barnard. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Barrett and Mattie (West) Adamson, his sister LaQuana Duff, and his stepmother, Inez Barrett.

Services will be held at 11 am on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Bible Baptist Church, Grove, OK. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services of Grove, OK, are assisting the family during this time.

Tony will be remembered as friendly, fun-loving, somewhat stubborn, and silly at times and a joy to be around. His legacy of love, laughter, and dedication to his family and community will live on through those who knew and loved him. Donations in Tony's memory may be made to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Tony Lee Barrett



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - January 27 at 05:30 PM



“ I met Tony through his dad Bill; they were both my friends and Tony will be missed by anyone or everybody that knew him.

Gary Pugh - January 28 at 01:37 PM



“ Rip Tony we had a lot of good times back in our days
Your going to be missed

Stephen Foster - January 21 at 08:58 PM



“ He helped me out several times with my vehicles. He was always sweet to Mother/Wilma and myself! Prayers for comfort and peace for his family!

Shelia Smith - January 21 at 02:44 AM

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“ *I've known tony for almost 40 years. He was a fantastic friend to me and my family. I sure miss him alot but know I will see you again.. He was a great protector and provider for his family.*

Laura Maloney - January 20 at 07:12 PM