



## William "Marty" M. Follis Jr

December 1, 1969 - April 21, 2023

The Follis family would like to express their heartfelt and sincere condolences to the Hampton family as they grieve these unimaginable losses.

William M. "Marty" Follis, Jr., age 53, of Grove, Oklahoma passed away on Friday, April 21, 2023. He was born in Davenport, Iowa on December 1, 1969, to William and Elaine (Jones) Follis, Sr. Marty graduated from Davenport West High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Bemidji State University, Minnesota.

In 2008, Marty moved to Grove from Camdenton, MO.

Marty previously served the city of Grove as Mayor and a member of the city council, as well as on the board of the Grove Chamber of Commerce. He was past president of Grove Rotary, and still an active member. He formed "The Real Estate Book" as was previously a licensed realtor. He was currently serving on the GMSA board and a Loan Officer at American Financial Network Mortgage Company. A board member of the YMCA, Marty was a supporter and influential in the Expansion project. He previously served as a Board member for the Tri-State YMCA, as well.

Always the entrepreneur, he was president of Martin Advertising and a retailer for "Wet Steps" dock ladders. He was very service minded towards the community and had the biggest heart for family, friends, and animals. He was an active participant and contributor for Second Chance Pet Rescue of Grove and helped organize "Barkaritaville", their annual fundraiser. He attended Church of the Shepherd and was a member of Patricia Island Country Club.

Marty was an avid hunter and devoted Pittsburg Steelers fan. He volunteered countless hours launching fishing boats at Wolfcreek Park, smoking pork butts and cooking burgers for many different organizations and causes throughout the community.

Marty was preceded in death by his dad, an infant brother, and brother Gary Follis and brother-in-law, Bryon Guldenpfennig.

Left to cherish his memory, his mother, Elaine Follis of Davenport, Iowa; sisters, Sherry Goering (Mel) of Highlandville, MO, Jackie Guldenpfennig, Brenda Quinlan (Jim) and brother, Tony Follis (Amy), all of Davenport, Iowa; son, Tyler Follis and daughter, Jordyn Follis, both of Bemidji, MN and daughter, Ariana Follis of Lane, KS; his previous wife, Lori Skelley-Follis and her daughters, Star Oseguera (Luis) of Lantana, TX and Teri Becicka of Grove, 6 grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are tentatively planned at 11am, June 3rd, 2023, at Church of the Shepherd.

A memorial service in Davenport, Iowa will also be held for all of Marty's friends and family there at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

COS

1600 W. Harber Rd

Grove, OK 74344

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Marty" M. Follis Jr*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Praying for all those who loved Marty!*

**Catherine** - May 09, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



**Larry and Marilyn Mlnarik** - May 04, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Marty and his loved ones will be part of our Mlnarik family forever. He leaves a cavern in our hearts that is impossible to fill.*



**Larry and Marilyn Mlnarik** - May 04, 2023 at 03:26 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the album Marty



Paula - April 30, 2023 at 02:49 PM

DR

“ Dave Rindler lit a candle in memory of William "Marty" M. Follis Jr



Dave Rindler - April 29, 2023 at 02:45 PM

DR

“ Our Heart felt condolences to both families at this time. May Peace and Love surround the families... God Bless..  
Marty, show those kids how to play ball !  
Dave & Kathy Rindler

Dave Rindler - April 29, 2023 at 02:44 PM

PQ

“ I am sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family. Pat Quinlan

Patricia Quinlan - April 29, 2023 at 10:46 AM

BH

“ Blessings to the Follis family. Left behind are many memories of ball games and parties. Bob and Bonnie

Bonnie Harksen - April 29, 2023 at 09:02 AM

TS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Theresa Swift - April 28, 2023 at 05:40 PM

TS

*Loved him like a brother going to miss him dearly!*

Theresa Swift - April 28, 2023 at 05:41 PM

CK

“ 1 file added to the album Marty



Candace Kunkel - April 28, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CK

*After a hard day of playing and eating dinner, just a boy and a man. Marty has like an uncle to my son. KK loved him so much. I will greatly miss my friends and will never understand what happened.*

Candace Kunkel - April 28, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SC

“ *God Bless this family and cherish all the great things Marty Follis has done for this community, which don't have to be forgotten as we grieve and try to understand the finality of the greatness and what was to follow.*

Sharie Cox - April 28, 2023 at 02:58 AM