



Harold Gene Barse

June 30, 1947 - January 12, 2022

Harold J. Barse, 74, passed away on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 after an extended illness. He was born on June 30, 1947 in Riverside, CA to Harold and Augustine (Campbell) Barse. He went to high school in Arkansas City and later to Cowley County Jr, College. He attended Central State University in Edmond, received his bachelor's degree from Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD and later received his master's degree from University of Oklahoma. He married Leslie Wahpepah on June 2, 1972 and they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. To this union was born two daughters, Sunny and Allison. Harold served his country in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam Era. He later became a V.A. Counselor and specialized in Native American Veterans. He enjoyed listening to music and playing golf and going to watch his girls and then his grandchildren play sports and attend their music performances. He was a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and a descendent of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and the Sioux Tribe. He is survived by his wife, Leslie, of the home in Norman, and his daughters; Sunny Barse Novacheck and husband, Marcus, of Westlake, TX and Allison Barse Hamilton and husband, Rory, of Norman, OK. Three brothers; Steve Barse and his wife, Mary, of Norman, OK, John Barse and his wife, Lynnette, of Rapid City, SD and Marcus Barse of Colorado. Four grandchildren: Maddox Hamilton, Grace Novacheck, Avery Hamilton and Iris Novacheck. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Augustine Barse. Graveside Services; 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Memory Lane Cemetery,

Anadarko, OK Officiating: David Wilson Due to the Covid concerns a memorial service and meal will be held in June at the Norman First American United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Norman First American United Methodist Church, 1950 Beaumont, Norman, OK 73069 Visitation: Saturday, 1:00 P.M., to 8:00 P.M.; Sunday, 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; Monday, 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; Tuesday, 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK Messages of condolences may be sent to: www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Mom wanted me to express her condolences ❤️. She feels great love for Augustine and her boys! Please know you all are in our thoughts, prayers and memories. We ask God to give you all his peace that passes all understanding. Amen

Katie Sahmaunt - January 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Hodge was a godly man who helped to start Norman First American UMC even though his spiritual roots were at Rainy Mountain Baptist Church. He left his legacy with Native veterans through his work with the VA. He helped start the NFA golf tournament to assist the church he helped build along with other prominent Kiowas. His Sunday school class will miss his spiritual leadership. Godspeed, Hodge!

Jacob Tsoitigh - January 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Hodge sure was a good man, He and his wife were good friends with my late parents, got to play golf with him and always looked forward to Veterans Day services at the church in Norman, he would give me a holler and ask if I could sing a veteran song, been praying for him since I learned he got sick, prayers for Leslie and the rest of the family

Mike Kihega - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ I'm just heard about Harold. I witnessed his love for his fellow veterans and also Christian family. When I lived in Oklahoma, I always looked forward to his weekly sweats at Concho. Travel well my friend.

Dennis Zotigh - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Saddened to read this sweet friend. Sending prayers to you, your family and a special hug for you.

Sylvia Godwin - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Saddened to hear about Harold. Keeping the family in my prayers.



Michelle Harmon - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Harold worked with my husband, Peter Sharp serving veterans at the Oklahoma City Vet Center part of the Veterans Administration health care system. The Vet Center was established in 1978 and Harold was a member of the original team until his retirement. He was recognized numerous times for his work with Native American veterans. More importantly he was a friend of Peter's. Leslie his wife taught our son Charles. We were connected through work and our families. Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and a very good man.

Pamela Sharp - January 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Developed our friendship during our OU days, then at various times throughout the years at different events. Always had good talks/laughs! Will see you later Pbah-bee!*

LaNeal Pewewardy - January 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Hodge was a long-time friend of mine. We first met in the early 1970s in Sisseton, South Dakota, where he was Adult Education Director and I was an undergraduate in college. We became friends fast because of our love of sports and good music. Hodge had a central role in developing our college from the ground up. I went with him and others to planning meetings where the sole topic was creating a college to meet the educational needs of native people and others in northeast South Dakota. Hodge invited me along to attend family picnics. I remember we all sat around a camp fire in a state park, eating and laughing, and enjoying the fading daylight. Hodge did good work , helping veterans find their peace in the world. He too was a veteran. He was a good man. I'll miss him. I understand his last days on Mother Earth were a terrible struggle for him and his family, no one should go through what he went through with this COVID. But unfortunately it is still with us. Don't deny it's existence because it will find you. My condolences to Hodge's wife Leslie, his daughters, and to his brothers Steve and John. Hodge has an extensive family network here South Dakota. I wish Hodge a good journey. His suffering is over. He's now free. I will always have good memories of Hodge.*

Harvey DuMarce - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM