



Michael Taptto

August 13, 1958 - January 10, 2021

Michael Van Taptto was born on August 13, 1958, to Patricia Taptto Eaglenest and Bobby Lee Taptto, and passed on Sunday, January 10, 2021. Mike attended Anadarko Public Schools and graduated from AHS in '77, going on to work at Riverside Indian School for several years and then most recently as a mail carrier for the US Postal Service in Norman. He also had a budding acting career, attending auditions and being cast as an extra in several films, including, "The Alamo." A fan of Bruce Lee, Mike was a dedicated student in the practice of Lee's Jeet Kune Do and was always ready to demonstrate a few moves. And of course, you could count on him knowing the latest on OU football, Thunder basketball, and 'Darko high school sports. He enjoyed simply going to the movies and grabbing popcorn and a Coke. Mike was a kind, gentle, and caring person who will be remembered as someone who put others before himself and never hesitated to lend a hand. He is survived by his mother, Patricia; a nephew, Eric Taptto; two nieces, Shannon Taptto Martinez and husband Randy Martinez, and Kelli Taptto; a sister-in-law, Sharon Taptto; and two grandchildren, Allison and Tristan Martinez. He is also survived by many beloved aunts and cousins, and good friend John Tahbone. He is preceded in death by his father, Bobby; two brothers, Russell and Kris Taptto; his grandparents, Bill and Lottie Quoetone; grandmother, Susie Tawkoyty; uncles, Willie and Gene Quoetone; and aunts, Ruby Lopez, Cornelia Karty, and Judy Littleman. Graveside services will be held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Memory Lane Cemetery. Father Carl Janocha will

officiate. Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko,
OK. Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.smithfuneral
services.com](http://www.smithfuneral
services.com)

Tribute Wall

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“ I had just heard of Mike's passing. Mike was a quiet guy , but would always talk to you if he seen you near. When we were seniors we played the left side of the offensive line for Darko. Will miss seeing him around.

David Gomez - January 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM