



Rufus Vance

July 23, 1945 - May 3, 2018

Rufus Vance Jr was born July 23rd, 1945 in Anadarko to Rufus Vance and Elsie (Barber) Vance. He passed away from this life on May 3, 2018 at home with his family. Rufus grew up in Spring Creek and graduated from Gracemont High School. He married Jessie (Thomasson) Vance July 23, 1966 before being deployed to Korea during the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Air Force as a ground radio operator until his discharge in 1969. He was a long time resident of Midwest City, and retired from Dayton Tire and Rubber. After his retirement, he and Jessie settled in Anadarko where he owned Anadarko Surplus Sales, formerly J and J Sales. Rufus was a Councilman on the Anadarko City Council and took great pride in improving Anadarko and felt honored he was voted to serve. Rufus is survived by his wife Jessie of the home, Son J.J. and wife Adra of Anadarko, Son Jeremy and wife Melissa of Anadarko. Six grandchildren: Drew Vance and wife Brandi of Anadarko, Austin Bowman of Anadarko, Ezra Vance of Spring, Texas, Cheyenne and Lyndon Vance of Del City, and Matthias Vance of Anadarko. Brother Don Vance of Midwest City, and Sister Glenda Robertson of Lawton. Numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Rufus Vance Sr and Elsie Vance, Brother Jerry Roy Vance. Services will be held May 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Bethel Baptist Church in Anadarko, with Lynn Bellamy officiating. No graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Lupus Foundation. Services under the

direction of Smith Funeral HomeCondolences may be sent to
smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the words of our loving heavenly Father bring your family comfort and strength during this most difficult time as He promises to bring our loved ones back to life in a perfect world where there will be no more suffering or death (John 5:28-29 & Revelation 21:4).

Marty - June 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rufus and I have been friends for many years even after my family moved from the Gracemont area when I was thirteen years old and moved to the Midwest City area. He would call and we would talk for hours. After he moved to Anadarko we would still talk periodically and there were times when I would be at the Spring Creek cemetery and he would be there. He talked a lot about his family and his store in Anadarko always telling me if I needed anything just come and visit because if I didn't find it there I probably wouldn't find it. I will miss those phone calls and the many laughs we had. Fredia(Shook)Cox, Midwest City, Oklahoma



frediacox9017@outlook.com - May 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ You were a 2nd father to me especially after dad died. I remember as a kid, I would look up at you and swear you were 10 feet tall. I spent more time at your house than I did my own. You were one of my most favorite people in the whole world and I loved seeing you smile when I would say "hello handsome!" Words can't describe how much I will miss you but I know you are keeping dad company now. I love you so much Uncle Jun-Bug!!!!
-Your niece, Lori Janzen

Lori Janzen - May 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rufus asked me to testify in court for him as a professional witness, I didn't know him very well at that time but we got to spend a lot of time together and I was blessed to know him, he was a MESS! so funny, witty and a very good person. I will miss Rufe!

Shelly Disse - May 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM