



Richard "Tiny" Martin

December 20, 1948 - October 1, 2020

We are saddened to announce the passing of Richard "Tiny" Martin. On October 1st, 2020 he ascended from this world while his sons were at his side. Tiny, as he was best known, was born on December 20, 1948 in Durant, OK to Cleo A. and Jean (Bailey) Martin. Tiny was the youngest of the couple's four children.

Through his high school years, he received awards and accolades for his football playing abilities, which he loved and recounted all throughout his life. It was during those years that he gained the ironic nickname "Tiny" as he was quite large and menacing on the field.

During his time on earth, he accomplished many roles. He was a cancer survivor, rancher, farmer, construction worker, vending machine and arcade game maintenance man, truck driver, hunter, fisherman, boatsman, and more. But most importantly to him, he was a father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, and a friend.

Tiny is preceded in passing by his parents and his brother, Jimmy Martin. He is survived by his sister Janice "Yaya" Martin Lankford, his brother Cleo "Cookie" Martin, his sons Cleo W. Martin and Stephen G. Lawrence, his nieces Anita Lankford Williamson, Destiny Harris, Khaliya Phelps, Tina Martin, Lisa Ray (Martin), his nephews Blake Lankford and Mitchell Martin, and many other family members and friends.

During these unprecedented times, there will not be a service held. In lieu, please feel free to share comments and favorite stories of Richard "Tiny" Martin online for others. Please help celebrate his life as best we can.

My love and prayers to you all.

Cleo Wayne Martin

Comments



“ I got to meet tiny a few years after my son Stephen and Cleo moved into their house. I spent a weekend at his home when the boys invited me to go with them to visit up there in Tulsa. I not only got to meet Cleo's aunt but some of the rest of his family. I had a wonderful time with them. I really appreciated tiny accepting my son as part of the family and also including us in the family. I looked forward to the times we spent at the boys house when tiny would come for the holidays or just for no reason at all. Tiny always could make you laugh and loved to watch his Westerns on television. He definitely was a big Duke fan. We went out to dinner several times when he would come down and it was so much fun to sit around the table at the restaurant and just chat about any subject that was brought up. He's going to be very well missed by all of us who knew him. As far as I was concerned he was also a part of our family and we all cared and loved him.

Rosanne Lawrence - October 07 at 12:19 PM



“ Tiny had such a big heart and was always so sweet when we visited. I'm so glad he got to be part of our family and I appreciate that he welcomed my brother and the rest of us into his family.

Michelle Lawrence - October 06 at 08:26 PM



“ I loved Tiny's cooking. He knew his way around a smoker and a grill. I could never handle the spiciness of his hot wings but I lived for the mushrooms he served with steak. His catfish and brisket tied as my favorite items Tiny cooked. There is so much more about Tiny I will miss but his cooking talents will always be at the top my list.

Stephen Lawrence - October 06 at 03:29 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Tiny's family photos



Cleo Martin - October 05 at 04:52 PM