



## Kerry Lynn Evans

March 20, 1950 - May 15, 2024

Kerry Lynn Evans, better known as Pops to his loved ones, went to be with Jesus on May 15, 2024 at the age of 74, after putting up one heck of a fight battling medical conditions for many years. His strength, love for his family and his faith in God is what kept him pushing through until the end. Maybe some of it was Evans' stubbornness that wouldn't allow him to give up easily but regardless he was without a doubt the strongest man you will ever meet and because of that he persevered through so much in his life.

Kerry was born to James Francis Evans and Ellen Cora Evans (Hobson) on March 20, 1950 in Bartlesville, OK. Growing up you would find him in the summertime zooming up and down Sunset Lake water skiing, riding motorcycles probably a little too fast, and his need for speed continued with his love of muscle cars. He was proud to graduate as a Wildcat at College High in Bartlesville, where he also played football. Later attending college at Northeastern Oklahoma (NEO) in Miami, OK and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SEOWU) in Weatherford, OK with an interest in Pharmacology.

After his college days he returned to Bartlesville and one night in 1973 while "driving the drag" a blonde bombshell in a white 1965 T-Bird that looked like Suzanne Somers in American Graffiti caught his eyes and he chased her as she fled who also became the love of his life. Luckily, he had a need for speed and had a sweet ride an orange and white 1973 Camaro Z28 that then caught her eye and once she later took the chance to see who was driving that what

would now be considered a classic car she thought he was a "dish" I believe was the term and gave him a chance. The first time he picked her up she had her mom peeking through the window asking "isn't he cute, mom isn't he cute"! Three years later, on April 2, 1976 he married that blonde bombshell Tonya Gene Tidwell, now Evans and together they had two children: Tiffany Dawn in 1979 and Casey Dean Evans in 1984. Just before the birth of Casey, Kerry was out playing softball on a Co-Ed team when he got the call from the doctor that he needed a kidney, the doctor could not believe he was out playing ball under the circumstances. Luckily he did not have to wait long when his sister, Karen Elaine Ketter graciously and lovingly stepped to the plate and donated one of her kidneys to her baby brother. A 27 year gift she gave and when that kidney began to fail her husband Ronald James Ketter selflessly did the same and gave him a kidney in June 2011. Because of their giving many years of memories were made, as a family Kerry, Tonya and children enjoyed vacationing at Six Flags and other amusement parks and going to Galveston, where he would stop at every and I do mean every antique store, estate sale along the way, and enjoyed many days and nights fishing with PaPa out at Copan Lake on the pontoon. He loved to watch/blare westerns throughout the house and cheer on OU football and the Dallas Cowboys. A big kid at heart he opened his home to many, the Fourth of July was always an extravaganza as his nephew David Ketter wrote he would have the biggest display of fireworks sometimes bigger than towns put together.

Kerry supported his family as a machinist at Reda Pump for 13 years and volunteered on his off time to help coach his children's little league teams. Kerry later retired as a Plant Technician for Chevron Phillips after 22 years of hard work and dedication. Early retirement was due to his health issues, but it still did not stop him from the "hunt" of finding bargains and "treasures". He sure did love garage sales and going to the flea markets and auctions.

Kerry is preceded in death by his father: James Francis Evans; his mother: Ellen Cora Evans (Hobson) ; grandson: Lucas LaShawn Agnew; and a niece

Heather Ann Ketter-Smith.

Kerry is survived by his wife: Tonya Evans; a daughter: Tiffany Evans; a son: Casey Evans and his wife Nicole Evans; 5 grandchildren: Mikaylynn Agnew, Malakai Agnew, Zane Agnew, James Evans and Emma Evans; a sister: Karen Ketter and her husband Ron Ketter; a sister-in-law: Connie Wilson and her husband Rod Wilson; an aunt: Suzanne Shiflet and her husband Roger Shiflet; many nieces/great nieces; nephews/great nephews; cousins; all and so many more that loved Kerry and he loved in return that will never forget him and hold and cherish his memory close and dear to their hearts

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Formal Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Funeral Service

MAY 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
[info@stumpff.org](mailto:info@stumpff.org)  
<https://www.stumpff.org>

*Graveside to follow.*

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Tonya and family - I am so sorry for your loss. I have loved running into you and Kerry over the years at Wal-mart and other places around town. I don't think I have one memory that doesn't contain the two of you together. My prayers will be with you. Praying for God to wrap his loving arms around you and hold you tight. Love, Stephanie (Meadors) Martz

Steph Martz - May 30, 2024 at 12:56 AM

CS

“ Tonya, you were such a kind, caring wife. Sincere condolences to you and your family. Connie Sauer

Connie Sauer - May 23, 2024 at 01:42 PM

VS

“ Rest in peace Kerry you were one of the good guys and will be missed.  
Sincerely  
Vickie Snellgrove



Vickie Snellgrove - May 22, 2024 at 08:46 AM

AF

“ All my love, Deanie, Curtis and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kerry Lynn Evans.

All my love, Deanie, Curtis and family - May 21, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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“ All my love, Deanie, Curtis and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kerry Lynn Evans.



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**All my love, Deanie, Curtis and family** - May 21, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JA

“ I lived across the street from Kerry and Tonya , when I lived out in the country. Kerry 'tilled' my very first garden for me! And educated me a lot on gardening. Years later, my daughter, Summer Warwick, recognized him at the dialysis center, and we sent up a lot of prayers for him. He truly was a very kind guy who would help anyone with anything. My heart goes out to Tonya and the kids. God bless all of you. Jan Adams-Spann

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**Jan Adams** - May 21, 2024 at 11:11 AM

KS

“ Kerry was my chair buddy in dialysis for several years. He was the one that told me to get on the Oklahoma City transplant list, I did and within a year got my kidney! I will always have the fondest of memories of my sweet, dear friend. My love and prayers to Tonya and family. -Debbie Kruger

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**kim steeler** - May 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

KM

“ *I'm so sorry. My heart breaks for your family. I loved visiting with you both in Murphy's. Prayers from our family.* ”



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**Kim from Murphy's** - May 18, 2024 at 07:59 AM

KI

“ *Katie, Mike, and Mara Ivey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kerry Lynn Evans.* ”



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**Katie, Mike, and Mara Ivey** - May 17, 2024 at 08:09 PM