



Melvin Leon Guenther

August 23, 1940 - June 22, 2021

Melvin Leon Guenther passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in Bartlesville, OK. Mel was born on August 23, 1940, in Yates Center, Kansas to Lucas Daniel and Eunie Mae (Mooney) Guenther. Mel grew up in Iola, KS and graduated from Iola High School 1958.

On March 20, 1960, Mel married the love of his life, Linda Jo Higginbotham. Soon after, Mel started his career with Family Loan in Bartlesville, OK. Mel and Linda were soon blessed with two daughters, Chris and Cathy. Mel's career moved the family to Tulsa, Ponca City and back to Bartlesville where he managed the Family Loan and Blazer Finance offices and became Vice President of Plaza National Bank until his retirement.

Mel was an outdoorsman and avid Oklahoma Sooner Football fan. He was a published poet and performed his cowboy poetry at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and other cowboy poetry gatherings across the west.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, half-brothers Nelson and Lloyd and half-sister Vera Mae, his in-laws Con and Vina Higginbotham, brother and sister-in-law Bill and Connie Grimes, brother-in-law Steve Higginbotham and niece Tracy Frame. Mel is survived by his wife Linda Higginbotham Guenther, his brother Dennis and wife Jackie Guenther, daughters Chris Guenther-Dutcher (Mike), and Cathy Guenther Evans, his grandchildren Kendra, Chase,

Catherine (Alex) and Kourtney and his 4 great grandchildren Collin, Camden, Cade and Cora, sister-in-law Billie Frame and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will host a visitation at the Carlyle Presbyterian Church from 6 PM to 8 PM on Friday, June 25. Memorial services will be Saturday, June 26, at 11am at the Carlyle Presbyterian Church in Carlyle, Kansas.

The family would like to thank Kindful Hospice for their loving care and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Carlyle Presbyterian Church in Carlyle, Kansas.

Previous Events

Family To Receive Friends

JUN **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Carlyle Presbyterian Church
Carlyle, KS

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM.

Carlyle Presbyterian Church
Carlyle, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Leon Guenther*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Melvin Leon Guenther*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I just found out about Melvin passing away. I haven't seen him in many years, but his was an awesome presence to have in our lives as a "Big Cousin" when we were kids. He always had that smile for us, and we adored him. I'm so sorry he's gone.*



Celia R. Javadi - June 28, 2021 at 02:21 AM



“ *Linda and family: My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Mel was a joy to know; he never failed to have a smile and friendly word whenever we seen him. I know you will miss him, but I hope your happy memories will soon replace your sorrow. May you have all that you need to get through.*



Judy Johnson - June 25, 2021 at 04:05 PM

GC

“ George & Shirley Catron lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Guenther



George & Shirley Catron - June 25, 2021 at 02:03 PM

BK

“ Linda, sorry for your loss. Mel was the best boss I ever had at Family Loan/Blazer Finance. Joan (McKenzie) Brewer

Brenda Kiselak - June 24, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JM

“ Linda and family, we have all been blessed to have had Mel for as long as we have and that sure makes it harder to lose him. As a friend from Jefferson Grade School through the years of growing and testing ourselves and the surroundings to settling into life and sneaking into being seniors, we were, and are, great friends. Mel was a happy kid and grew into a happy, hard-working, virtuous and worthy man. I was honored to have Mel as a friend for over 60 years of adventures. We were often apart for several years at a time but when we saw each other again we began where we left each other whether on the playground, a reunion, or a family visit later in careers. Time was just not important enough to change our friendship as we got our whacks and success along the line. Mel is not replaceable but so many never have a friend like Mel, I am very grateful and I promise that I'll try to make it enough. You too?

Jimmie L Murrow - June 24, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BD

“ I remember Mel always had a smile and a friendly hello, he was a really nice man. My love and prayers go out to Linda and the family. May God give you peace during this time of sorrow. Betty Deal

Betty Louise Deal - June 24, 2021 at 05:00 PM

 Linda Stanley Crismas

“ Linda Stanley Crismas lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Guenther



Linda Stanley Crismas - June 24, 2021 at 08:56 AM

 Linda Stanley Crismas

So sorry for your loss Linda & family, Dennis & family. Melvin was a pretty special man who filled all of our lives with joy.

Linda Stanley Crismas - June 24, 2021 at 09:00 AM

GC

Linda & family knowing Mel well he was one of a kind nice to newbies especially to your class get togethers ..our condolences Shirley & George Catron

George & Shirley Catron - June 25, 2021 at 02:02 PM

NR

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. With heartfelt sympathy, my thought and prayers are with you and your family. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you and loving memories to carry you through! Hugs and prayers. Nellie Rose

Nellie Rose - June 23, 2021 at 05:26 PM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss Linda. Sending a heart full of peace your way.

Kenny Sue

Kenny Sue - June 23, 2021 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Leon Guenther*



Jeanne Shepherd - June 22, 2021 at 03:59 PM