



## Mr. Raymond Elmer Stevens

August 13, 1951 - January 15, 2023

Raymond Elmer Stevens, age 71, of Bartlesville Oklahoma passed away on January 15, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Raymond was born on August 13, 1951, to parents Robert and Isabelle Stevens.

Raymond is survived and missed by his loving wife of 51 years Yvonne Stevens (Daniel); and his children, Robert Stevens and Chad and Megan Stevens. He is forever loved and remembered by his three grandchildren, Mykah Ray, Cambri Lynn, and Lilly Kate. His siblings and their families; Clyde Stevens and Anita and Clyde Gage. His memory will be cherished by his brother and sister in laws Joe and Susan Daniel and Yvette and Vernon Britt along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was born and raised in Bartlesville, OK. Raymond joined the marines alongside his brother Clyde in 1970 and was in service for 10 years with the marines and later joined the army reserves and served for an additional two years. He married his wife Yvonne November 22, 1972. Raymond loved coon hunting and the outdoors. He was a member of the United Kennel Club and served as Master of Hounds as well as a bench show judge. In his time, he judged two world coon hound championships. Raymond worked for the City of Bartlesville in many capacities starting on the street gang, meter reading crew, the water department, and parks department. His career as Bartlesville Park Supervisor included designing and building the Sooner Park Bridge, being

actively involved in the log cabin at JoAllyn Lowe Park and the rebuilding of the Nellie Johnstone. He retired as the Chief Building Official after 34 years of service to the city. His father and grandfather also worked for the city with a combined 67 years of serving Bartlesville.

Some of his greatest joy came from his two sons and sharing a deer stand with his daughter in law Megan. He loved his three granddaughters and never missed an opportunity to play an active role in their lives. They created many memories together while hunting, fishing, collecting rocks and enjoying trips as a family to Big Cedar in Branson, Mo, as well as Gatlinburg, TN, and Alaska. Raymond enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, managing his land on his John Deere tractor, and going to car shows in his 55 Chevy Bel Air with his brother-in-law Clyde Gage and nephew Frank Gage.

His legacy will carry on forever reminding us that we should be quick to love and slow to anger and to cherish our time with family and friends. Take every opportunity to introduce a child to the great outdoors.

There are no words that can express how grateful and blessed we are to our family and friends who were there for us during this difficult time. Also, a heartfelt thank you to Comforting Hands Hospice and Stumpff Funeral Home.

The family will have a celebration of life at a future date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to learn that Ray has passed. I hadn't talked to him in about 20 years, so I decided to give him a call, only to see he is gone.

*Ray was my boss when he worked at Buildings and Operations. For some reason, the city put him in charge of the pools, and Ray hired me to manage them. I don't think he knew much about the pools at first, but he learned fast and oversaw them very well.*

*Ray always knew what he was doing, and he was friendly but firm with me. One time I griped to him about how hard it was to keep the pools open in late August, when lifeguards were quitting to go back to college. Ray listened to me, and he just said, You find a way. And I did, by giving lifeguard lessons to high school students in August, then offering them end of the summer jobs.*

*That sounds like a small thing, but think of how many children that made happy. (Now, without Ray in charge, the pools close August 1.). Ray was an extremely good man, always honest, always doing the right thing and doing it well. It made me feel good to work under someone like him. One time a kid slugged me while I was breaking up a fight at the pool, and Ray called me up and said, "How are you doing, Rocky?" And he had me laughing about a bad situation.*

*Much respect to Ray, a great boss and a great person.*

*Eric Gray*

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Eric Gray - July 14, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ Mr. Raymond Elmer Stevens

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. Raymond Elmer Stevens*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Barbara Ketchum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Elmer Stevens*



**Barbara Ketchum** - January 20, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Always loved this man, he was a best friend, confidant and one of the best cousin's ever! He always had a smile and a kind word. He loved his wife, children, granddaughters and extended family unconditionally! He will be sorely missed by all! Love you and miss you, Ray!💕💕*

**Lesta Remke** - January 19, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Elmer Stevens*



**Jeanne Foreman Shepherd** - January 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We were close friends when we were in school. Hadn't seen him for many years. Rest in peace my friend.*

**Deniece** - January 17, 2023 at 02:08 AM

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“ *Raymond was one of the best men I have ever met. The world lost a good one there. Heaven's gain.* ”



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**Sue Tennell** - January 16, 2023 at 05:58 PM