



Robert Wayne Benfer

August 9, 1962 - March 17, 2025

On March 17, 2025, Robert Wayne “Bo” Benfer, age 62, passed away at his home in Nowata, Oklahoma, surrounded by his loving family. Robert was born in Bever, Oklahoma on August 9, 1962, to his mother, Mary Ruth Starns, and his father Everett Leroy Benfer Sr. Later in life, Robert and his family moved to Lenapah, Oklahoma, where he graduated from Lenapah High School. Robert went to work in the Oil Fields as an Oilfield Technician and a Roustabout.

Robert married the love of his life, Julie Kay Benfer, on June 17, 2006.

In his leisure time, Bo loved to go hunting with his family and friends, including his best friend Richard Boone. Hunting was Bo’s passion as he was right at home in the woods. Coming in at a close second was fishing. In the summer, he enjoyed spending time at Hulah Lake camping, fishing, and cooking huge meals for his family and friends. He always welcomed everyone to the party! In the winter Bo enjoyed spending weekends at the heated dock at Claremore Lake, teaching many of his family and friends how to fish with spoons. Bo loved life!!!

Bo is preceded in death by his parents, Mary Benfer and Everett Benfer Sr., brother Danny Benfer, nephew Rickey Benfer, great-nephew Remington Benfer, and best friend Richard Boone.

Bo is survived by his wife, Julie Benfer, his children Patrick Benfer and his wife Christy, Lacy Joslin, Ashley Hayes and her husband Tim, Christopher Van Natta and his wife Phebe, Zachary Van Natta and his wife Natasha, and Jeffery Van Natta. his siblings, Ricky Benfer, Everett Benfer Jr. and partner

Laurie Hall, David Benfer, Rena Hicks and husband Tim, 12 grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. And of course, we can't forget his best friend, Tater the dog.

A Celebration of Robert's Life will be at the Stumpff – Nowata chapel at 620 E. Cherokee, on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 11 am.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

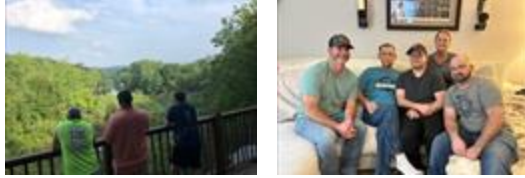
MAR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home - Nowata
620 E. Cherokee
Nowata, OK 74048

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Zac - March 24, 2025 at 12:04 PM

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“ I miss you Bo. I was very luck to call you dad. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a step father as great as you, I never even considered you a step dad, just dad. You didn't have to, but you took me and my brothers in as your own. You went to our games, and taught us so much that I will forever be grateful. You never hesitated to help, no matter how far or how busy you were. Alot of my best memories growing up were with you. Your grand-daughters talk about you daily, they love and miss their papa Bo. You were truly an amazing person, and I am very thankful to you. I don't think there was ever a better match for my mom. You are truly one of a kind. I could spend days writing of all the amazing times with you. I love you Bo. Rejoice in Heaven, and i know you didn't like to fly, but spread those wings and soar.

- Zac

Zac, Tasha, Koda & Harper Van Natta - March 24, 2025 at 11:40 AM

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And Tasha, i don't know why it didn't add her name.

Zac - March 24, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Wayne Benfer.*



March 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Wayne Benfer.

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“ *Jason, Diana, Drew, Gracie & Jordy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Wayne Benfer.*



Jason, Diana, Drew, Gracie & Jordy - March 20, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sophia Murphy lit a candle in memory of Robert Wayne Benfer*

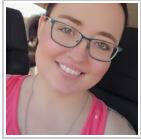


sophia Murphy - March 18, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ *I love you uncle bo I miss you so much and see you soon uncle Bo*

sophia Murphy - March 18, 2025 at 11:31 PM



“ *Daddy, I'll never regret the countless hours spent with you in doctors offices, the chemo room, and most importantly on the fishing banks!!! I'd do it all over again for just a little more time with you!! The cancer didn't truly win, because even in the end it never took your humor, your love of your family, and who you were as a person. I got my love for fishing, my hard working spirit, and the need to want to help everyone I can all from you. But I did not get your green thumb. That skipped me for sure. I loved you for my whole life, and I'll also miss you for the rest of it. See you later daddy.*



Ashley Hayes - March 18, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ *We always enjoyed talking thru the fence. We've appreciated your friendship thru the years. I'm glad you're all healed and no longer in pain!!! I bet heaven is awesome.*



Dyer Family - March 18, 2025 at 05:37 PM

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“ *Lynda Frederick lit a candle in memory of Robert Wayne Benfer*



lynda frederick - March 18, 2025 at 02:54 PM