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Gary Wayne Briley, 68, passed away peacefully, exactly the way he wanted — in quiet comfort, with his “honeylove,” Lucy Lee Goodwin, by his side.

Gary lived with a steady confidence, a mischievous streak, and a heart that showed up for people.

Gary was born in Rogers, Arkansas, to W.M. (“Doc”) and Loretta Kendrick Briley. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Karen Briley and Marsha Briley. Gary is survived by his sister, Gaye Briley Marrs; his son, Miron Briley; and daughters, Rebecca Briley, Sara Shikany, and Lauren Sydney. He is also survived by five grandchildren — Charlie, Sunday, Ricky, Rogan, and his unmistakable minime and best buddy, Casper.

A graduate of Nathan Hale High School, Class of 1975, Gary was an active member of the Broken Arrow Chapter of Project Healing Waters, where he taught disabled

veterans how to build fly rods, tie flies, and fly fish. He became well known for his willingness to help, his patience, and his dry wit.

Gary began his work life in construction at age 14. He had a natural talent for construction and could build or repair just about anything. His skill with tools and his steady hand made him the person people trusted to get things done right the first time — although it might take a while.

Later, he worked with his dad, “Doc,” in Promotional Advertising with the Homer Miller Company. Gary never met a stranger; no matter where he went, he’d strike up a conversation and walk away with a new friend. His “gift of gab” earned him several sales awards, his favorite being the Maverick Star.

Gary enjoyed getting out into the world. He and Lucy were regulars on “pickaplace” day trips, attending concerts, hitting jackpots at all the local casinos, dancing at the Elks Club, and brunching at Bramble with his dear friends Cindy and Tim, and Jan and Tom. He spent many happy times fishing with Steve and Kelley, and visiting friends and family.

In his final weeks, Gary’s mind wandered back across the years of his youth. The stories and friends he encountered from the ’70s generated quite a few giggles. Gary was a staff favorite at

St. Francis South, University Village Skilled Nursing, and Clarehouse with these stories. In every story, in every way, he was pure rascal Gary.

Per Gary's request, no service will be held. He asked that family and friends gather in remembrance and share the wild, funny Gary stories from the good times you shared during his colorful life.

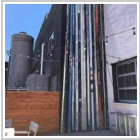
Gary's favorite exit words: "Peace, Baby!"

# Tribute Wall

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“ When my Mom’s fence blew down Gary showed up with his tools and went to work. We had it rebuilt in 2 days. He of course took no pay, saying anything to help a Marine veteran was pay enough for him.

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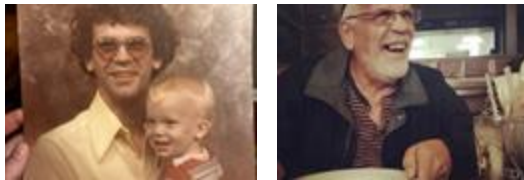
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“ Dad and family met at Andolinis for a dinner in Tulsa a few years back.

*As you can tell from this photo he was a freakin riot .*

*He was always telling jokes and having a good time*



Miron Briley - May 04 at 12:29 PM

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“ *He was one of a kind! Greatly loved and respected by all. He will be missed! RIP Ranger!* ”

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