



Rex Graves

October 13, 2014

Rex Dee Graves, 78, of Tulsa, passed away October 8, 2014 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rex was born February 1, 1936 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, son of the late Raidee Graves and Melton Leo Graves.

Rex excelled in sports during high school and college, especially golf, baseball and football and remained interested in local college athletics throughout his life. Rex attended Will Rogers High School and was a member of their first State Champion baseball team. After graduating, Rex attended Arkansas Tech on a football scholarship. He later transferred to Tulsa University on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a degree in physics. Rex was an avid golfer and won many local and regional tournaments.

Rex served in the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He enjoyed music, often reminiscing about hearing his favorite singer Hank Williams. He owned thoroughbred racehorses for a period of time, with his most successful horse, Little Mo Money, racing through the Midwest and South.

Rex was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and enjoyed his work as a boilermaker for many years.

After his retirement, Rex often traded his used automobiles and was fond of tinkering with them and repairing them. He loved to visit Disney World, sometimes visiting the Disney parks for weeks at a time. Rex was a great story-teller and entertained his family and friends with amusing tales of his accomplishments and adventures.

Rex was predeceased by his partner of 35 years, Deana Sanders. Rex is survived by his sister Peggy Graves of Nevada, Missouri; nephew Peter (Laura) Ashmore of Chicago, Illinois; and great-nephew Ethan Ashmore of Chicago, Illinois.

Visitation will be held at Serenity Funerals and Crematory, 4170 East Admiral Pl. in Tulsa on October 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674. donate.heart.org

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Rex was my cousin and about 4 years ago my twin brother Larry and I went to the home where he grew up, hell, I guess that was 78 years ago. I never knew he was even married as we all lost contact after Leo and my father passed away but I remember Rex as one of the best cousins could have, he was gentle hearted and loved by everyone his life touched. I would love to hear from Peggy, she taught my brother how to play the piano and they were very close, Russell love her. If you know how to contact Peggy my email is sfjer ryca@yahoo.com I would love to hear from her, they were a very good family!

Jerry P Graves - March 18, 2015 at 02:57 PM

JS

“ I don't know why today I decided to use Google and see if I could find any mention of Rex. We had been out of touch the last few years. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

My husband and I lived in Independence and were friends of Rex and Deana for many years. We were co-owners of Little Mo Money and went to the races in Omaha with them many times. Rex filled in with one of our boys in the Father-Son Golf tournament on Father's Day. We had many good times together.

Jo Shawger - October 18, 2014 at 10:21 PM

KF

“ Rex was a kind man. He and my mother had a very special love for each other and I will always be grateful for his devotion and help in caring for her. He was a good friend.

Rest in peace Rex.

Love, Kathy

Kathy Flora - October 14, 2014 at 10:53 PM

PB

“ Rex and I were classmates from Sequoyah Elementary, through Cleveland Junior High School, and finally Will Rogers High School. He was a wonderful friend and I was blessed to have met up with him again several years ago. He touched many lives with his sweet and giving nature. Rest In Peace, my friend of many happy memories.

Peggy Powell Bains - October 14, 2014 at 03:49 PM

PR

“ My wonderful neighbor. Bless your journey. I know we'll meet again someday.

Peggy Roche - October 14, 2014 at 12:28 PM