



Ricky Steve McKinney

June 9, 1950 - June 21, 2024

Ricky S. McKinney (Rick) 74, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma departed this earth on June 21, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Tulsa to the late N.J. Thurman Stringfellow.

Moving to Los Angeles @ age 9, by age 13 Rick's responsibilities were that of an adult, caring for 4 younger siblings as mother worked. He became the family glue.

Rick found great comfort & tremendous joy in music, especially the guitar. He never had formal lessons; he was self-taught. He started his first band in the garage at age 14, which led to performing at clubs in Hollywood such as 'Whiskey A Go-Go' & 'The Hollywood Roosevelt' meeting several well-known musicians, too many to name. His band 'Funktion' did tours of Guam, Manila, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Vietnam performing for our troops. As a music copyist Rick had professional experience with many successful groups such as 'The Billy Preston Band,' 'Soul Excursions,' 'Jade,' 'Hot Line'....

Returning to Tulsa in the early 80's meeting & marrying the love of his life and raising their son. While being a family man he continued his love for music. He became founder of 'The Rolling Thunder Band' & 'Player's Choice Recording Studio' where he had a hand in helping many Oklahoma musicians find success. He became highly respected by all that knew him and his talents.

Rick was also a member of the band 'Lew Hammond & Smoking Gun' performing all over Oklahoma and competing in the Marlboro contest in the late 80's at Tulsa City Limits. They also appeared on Oklahoma Swingin' Country.

Although music was always a part of Rick's life, he also had a few day jobs through the years such as... In the late 70's he worked for Northrup, writing "How To" manuscripts for each department which became part of the job training program... In the early 80's he did various carpentry jobs with Uncle Ted... Prior to retirement, he worked as a Drywall Finisher Foreman for Green Country Interiors.

Rick also enjoyed boating with his wife and son, going for long rides with his wife and friends on their Harleys and iRacing online with several friends.

Predeceased by his mother, 3 brothers, 3 brother in laws.

Survived by wife Becky, son Kyle (Billie; Carson) of Broken Arrow, sister Laurie Sullivan of Ipswich, Massachusetts, nieces Regina Stringfellow (Keirsten), Lauri Stringfellow (Kaydence, Kenzi, Krishawn), nephew Chris Stringfellow of Broken Arrow, 2 Aunts Barbara Fouts of Coffeerville, Kansas & Janice West of Claremore, sister-in-law Kathy Coad (David). Rick was a kind, caring, gentle soul and will be deeply missed by all including his longtime friends John Hicks (Pam), Al (Duane) Sena (Linda) who comforted him through his final day A service & celebration of life will be held Monday July 8th @ 10:30a.m. @

Hope Chapel 11400 E. 116th St. N Owasso 918-371-9263

The service will be officiated by Troy Johnson, Lazaro & Tiffany Rosales

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Ricky S. McKinney
to:

THE CJD FOUNDATION
3634 W. Market St. Ste. 11
Akron, Ohio 44333

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Hope Chapel
11400 E. 116th St. N
Owasso , OK 74055

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Uncle Rick it's sad to see you go but I understand. I'm grateful that I got to spend some time with you before leaving this world. Rest in peace you will be missed.

Regina Diane Stringfellow - July 05, 2024 at 08:38 PM

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“ Uncle Rick it's sad to see u go but I understand. We are glad we got to spend some time with you before leaving this world. We love you and we will always think of you...



Regina Diane Stringfellow - July 05, 2024 at 08:35 PM

AS

“ Rick was one of the best friends that I ever had. We played music and rode Harleys together with our families for many years. I'll miss him and cherish all the memories that we created together over the years.

Albert & Linda Sena - July 04, 2024 at 12:04 AM

BE

“ Loving and caring father.



Becky - June 30, 2024 at 07:50 PM

LS

“ Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your final journey.... Rest in peace brother. ❤️



Laurie Sullivan - June 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM