



Rhines Barkley Gardenhire

August 24, 1939 - August 11, 2023

R.B. Gardenhire age 83 of Purcell, went home to be with his loved ones on August 11, 2023. Rhines Barkley Gardenhire was born to Edward Gardenhire and Izora "Pat" Gardenhire (Lambert) on August 24, 1939 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He grew up in the area and attended school there, graduating with the Panther class of 1957. On April 23, 1958 R.B. married the love of his life Betty Florine Cope, and they soon started their family. R.B. and Betty were both saved in 1973 which began a meaningful and fruitful spiritual life together. Betty sang with a gospel group called Living Will, and later with a country group called Southern Draw. He was her number one fan, never missed a show, and enjoyed hearing his wife sing and helping the band set up and tear down. R.B. worked for Thomas concrete for over twenty years and was a master at his craft. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed watching old westerns, especially John Wayne films. R.B. loved classic cars and was a skilled shade tree mechanic. He was also a talented plumber, electrician, and builder. R.B. built the house he and Betty called home with his own two hands, and it even withstood a tornado. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandpa who will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Gardenhire, his parents Edward and Pat Gardenhire, his twin sister and infant siblings.

R.B. is survived by his children, Lisa Gardenhire of Purcell, OK and James Gardenhire and wife Dawn of Slaughterville, OK. He also leaves behind six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday August 26, 2023 at Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, R.B. and Betty will be laid to rest together at Dibble Cemetery following the service. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry I hadn't been out yonder to see my cuz. Losing Annie to COVID last year really knocked me back. Still taking care of Uncle in Purcell who is 98. I'll be at R.B.s service for sure. Cousin, Wayne Lambert



Wayne Lambert - August 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle RB, you were one of my favorite uncles. I so loved to watch you and my dad cut up. Please watch over all the family with mom , dad and aunt Betty. You will be dearly missed and forever loved. Love you,
Desire Thomas Haddock and William Brian Cope.

*Lisa and JamesPaul and family,
I am so sorry for your loss, Uncle RB will be truly missed, and regret not getting down to see him before he passed. If you need anything just let us know. We love y'all!
Desire and Brian.*

Desire Thomas Haddock and William Brian Cope - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM