



## Tom Rice

January 16, 1961 - November 28, 2021

Tommy Dean Rice passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021 in Norman, Oklahoma. Tom was born in Tulsa, OK on January 16, 1961, the elder of two children born to Robert Dean Rice and Bernadette Marie Rolande Rice (Poitevin). Tom grew up and attended school in Choctaw, Oklahoma. After school, he spent most of his free time at the rodeo riding bulls. Tom was an active member of the Union of Operating Engineers, Local 627 for 25 years as a heavy machinery crane operator, leaving him many times on the road. In 1999, Tom built a home in Washington, OK with the help of some of his family. Tom raised cattle, livestock and upkept the farm. If he wasn't feeding cows, you would find him in his shop, where he enjoyed restoring old hot rods. On February 2, 2012, Tom married Kim in Hugo, OK and they spent 9 years together. Besides spending time with family and friends, Tom loved gun shows, horse sales, and watching reruns of John Wayne in his Lazy Boy. He also passed on the love of the rodeo, raising a young future barrel racer. He was a loving husband, father and papa who will be dearly missed.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Bernadette Rice. He is survived by his wife, Kim of the home and granddaughter, Jayghen Cripps, of the home. His daughters Kelli Rice of Choctaw, OK, Cassidy Edwards and husband, Paul of Midwest City, OK, Logan Rice of Tulsa, OK, stepdaughters Shyla Dorsey and husband, Cody of Noble, OK, and Kambri Cripps of Norman, OK. His brother Jimmy Rice and wife, Tina of Washington, OK and nephew, Chad Rice of Pilot Point, TX. In addition, leaves behind 6 other

grandchildren, Skyller, Lexi, Mason, Tamberlyn, Atley, Lennox and many great friends.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2:00pm, Friday December 3rd, 2021 at Washington Cemetery. Send online condolences at [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ To Tim's family, friends and loved ones I send my condolences. I just chatted with him a couple of weeks ago when he was in Louisiana, my home, working and enjoying some Cajun food. My heart breaks for all of you and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Tom



**Judy Gilbert** - December 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to Kim and Jay. Tom was a very sweet man and had so much love for my nephews. Thanks for being a special part of their lives.



**Joanah Salas** - December 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Wow so hard to believe. Ole Tom what a great guy, father, husband and grandpa. Best mechanic I've ever seen. RIP brother we'll get together in Valhalla.

**Donnie & Shannon Smith** - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Praying for you Kim and rest of the family. As days to come.



**Angel Black n Family** - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We just talked last week and I'm so glad we did I will miss you on these shutdowns, you were a top notch hand, and everyone would agree, rest my brother and lift in peace

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**Terry Skelly** - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I worked with Tom for several years in Rawlins Wyoming and a few other places. Great guy !!! Dependable, good crane operator, fun to be around, and I always walked away from his crane with a big smile or just plain laughing out loud because of his sense of humor. Always a joy to talk to and be around. He will be greatly missed but I know this is just a part of life we all go through and we will meet again. For his loved ones, it's hard I know but have faith and know this is but a short separation and you will have a grand reunion not too far in the future.



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**Dick Fail** - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ One hell of operator and a even better friend. Shared many years traveling and sharing the world with Tom. The World is a lesser place without him. Gonna miss you brother.



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**Jason Glasgow** - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM