



Tommy Joe Kuykendall

October 14, 1955 - August 10, 2012

Tommy Joe Kuykendall passed from this life on Friday, August 10, 2012 surrounded by family at his home in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 56. On October 14, 1955, Tommy was born to Willie Frank Kuykendall and Willie Mae Davis Kuykendall in Duncan, Oklahoma. He grew up in Lindsay, Oklahoma and graduated Lindsay High School in 1973. He worked in the parts department at Carl Campbell Chevrolet in Duncan and also worked in the oilfield as General Manager/Sales for Zenith Wireline Service. He was a dispatcher for Hamm and Phillips as well as working in the maintenance department at Lindsay Municipal Hospital. While working at Lindsay Municipal Hospital, Tommy met the love of his life, Karren Harrell. They were married on May 6, 1995 in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

In 1996, he was forced to retire due to his health or in Tommy's words, when he started his "lunch break". After retirement Tommy wanted a hobby so he attended Vo-Tech to learn about small engine repair and earned his certificate. He spent time in his shop making sure everyone's equipment was serviced routinely. From lawn mowers to generators, he kept them running smoothly. Even after his vision declined, he prided himself on continuing to maintain equipment.

Tommy loved shopping on eBay, searching for that special bargain, and he found many. He loved working on projects in his shop and maintaining the landscape at his home. Most of all, he loved spending time with family and friends, especially his wife Karren and their "baby" Missy. Tommy enjoyed

going with Missy on their daily sightseeing tours around town.

Tommy was a kidney recipient in 2002 and was a strong advocate for organ donation. No matter what the illness or situation Tommy always smiled and made lemonade out of lemons. Tommy was a generous, devoted and protective husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and son-in-law. His quick wit and sense of humor amused not only his family but many within the community. He was an amazing man - a kindhearted loving and beautiful soul. Mr. Kuykendall is survived by his wife Karren Kuykendall, his father-in-law Lonnie "Buddy" Harrell, his daughters Kristy Keesee and Kari Kuykendall; his sons Heath Kuykendall and fiancée Wendy Finch and Dustin Fink and wife Pam; his brothers Frank Kuykendall and wife Barbara and Dean Kuykendall and wife Karla; his sister Linda K. Ballard. Tommy also leaves behind his grandchildren Kylie, Sierra, and Kaden Newey, LaCrieta and Kourtney Kuykendall, Mila Fink and Ethan and Alexis Finch as well as many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Willie Frank Kuykendall, his mother Willie Mae Beam, mother-in-law Wanda Harrell, and son-in-law James Keesee.

Funeral services for Mr. Kuykendall are set for ten o'clock a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Pastor Jack Madden officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Rev. Jim Price officiating. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Memorials may be made to Tommy Kuykendall Bikes for Kids Memorial, First National Bank, Lindsay, OK and the Lindsay Elks Lodge #2351. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

GN

“ Dear Karen... I was a classmate of Tommy's, a 1973 grad. Being part of a small school, for the most part, we all knew each other, liked each other. Tommy was a great guy, as most were. Some of us were a little fun, some a little serious, some smarter than others some kinder than others, some cuter than others, Tommy was one of those people who, in my mind, was simply as genuine as anyone. And too, Tommy was always, without fail, without ulterior motive, just flat out kind to me. I hope your life with Tommy was a happy one. Bless you and your children.

Gayle Noe - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Growing up I always remembered him having nothing but a smile on his face and good things to say. He will be missed by all in the community. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time. I was and still am saddened by Tommy's death. Rest in peace our dear friend. And keep on smiling. We will know when the rays of sunshine hit us its you upon on our shoulders.

Raycene Lile - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Karren, Dean, Karla and all of your family are in our prayers.

Brenda (Akins) & RD Patterson - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,

May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

So Sorry to hear About Tommy He was a great man

Hyla Frazier - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss!! He ws so special!!! You are in our thoughts & prayers!!

Janette & Bill Bunch - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a strong man. He is a inspiration to all. Family he left you all with lots of love. Know we all praying for your family. Lindsay lost one of the finest. Keep smiling for Tommy he always did

(Author Not Available) - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ WHAT A GREAT MAN! EVERYWHERE HE WENT HE BROUGHT ENCOURAGEMENT, JOY, AND LAUGHTER...TRULY, HE NEVER KNEW WHAT HE MEANT TO THIS COMMUNITY. COUNTLESS PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES FROM PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE WITH YOU BECAUSE TOMMY WAS SUCH A LOVED GUY. MAY THE INCREDIBLE COMFORT OF GOD BE WITH YOU ALL NOW AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Bev - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Karren & family, so sorry about Tommy. He was always so cheerful & smiling. He lived next door to my mom for a while & he was so helpful to her. Will miss his smiling face. My sympathy to all of you.

Donna Hardin - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tommy was such a kind and friendly man. He was and still is truly an inspiration to us all.

Angie Yates - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We loved Tommy so much. Jim and him thought of each other alot..We know where he is this day and we will see him again.. God bless Karren and his family who took such good care of him..

Jim and Jean Price - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Karren, I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of when I worked with you and Tommy at the hospital. I'll always remember the Christmas cards with all the confetti in them and I always opened them knowing it would all end up on the floor! My prayers are with you and your family

Barbara Ford - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So sorry to hear about Tommy the 1st time I seen him was 3rd grade and he was a grinning, later on when we had our 1st full time job in the broom corn he all ways had a smile and kept us entertained. Tommy always made the best out of every situation. we will miss you. R.I.P.

Rod Smith - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about Tommy. He was a great person who was always smiling and a very funny guy as well. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Dick Abram - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Condolences to all of the Kuykendall family. I've heard many good stories about Tommy from Auntie Francis & Darlene. He was a good person. May all the memories & good times with him never be forgotten.

Kelvin & Darlene Castleberry Cox - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Kristy Karen and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Tommy was always such a nice man.He always talked to me no matter where I ran into him at. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Leslie Rohrer - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Karren, sorry for your loss, May God give you and your family peace during this time. Tommy will be missed.

Carolyn & Bill Jackson - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Kukendall Family:We remember Tommy playing little league baseball on the team Earl helped coach. Even then, Tommy was bravely dealing with his diabetes. His mother was always there with his insulin and snacks. We hold those memories of Tommy in our hearts as you will hold your own. Our sympathies are with you.

Earl & Jo Ann Wilson - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Karren and family I am so sorry about Tommy, he was such a jolly guy even with all of his problems. I admired him so much.God has a new angel now.

Lillie Davis - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *karren kristy and all family involved robert and i want to send our condolences to all. he was an awesome man. always will be remembered by us just remember hes in a wonderful place right now. i know its hard but god be with all family
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WILMA HARRELL - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Tommy, there couldn't have been a nicer man, every time I saw him he always had a big smile on his face, admired his courage all these years. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Janice (Smith) Griffin - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Karren and family. So sad to learn of Tommy passing on. He was such a sweet guy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Cheryl Doyal - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Our hearts are with each of you, we will be praying for strength and peace for your family.. I'm so sorry for all of your pain. May God be with each and everyone of you.*

Dara and Mike Guffey - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM