



Rex Sunderland

March 3, 1946 - February 25, 2023

Rex was born in Blackwell, Oklahoma on March 3, 1946 to parents Betty (Clarke) and Vernol Sunderland. He passed away on February 25, 2023 in Hospice Care at the Wakita Community Health Center. At the age of 76 years, 11 months and 22 days.

He graduated from Byron-Driftwood High School in 1964 before marrying Nelda J McClafin in 1965. He joined the Oklahoma National Guard where he served for 12 years.

He enjoyed his 40-year career as a lineman for Alfalfa Electric Cooperative and also ran his own electrical business in Byron, OK, prior to retiring.

Everyone who knew him, remembers Rex as a kind and gentle man, who took great care of his family, friends and community. He was a faithful member of the Nescatunga Bible Church and enjoyed sharing his faith with those around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Rex Douglas Sunderland. Rex is survived by his wife, Nelda of the home and daughters, Laura (John) Lawlor of Danbury, CT, Denise (John) Highfill of Selma, NC, Stephanie (Tim) Miller of Oklahoma City, OK, and Sonya (Ken) Alexander of Vicksburg, MS, his sister-in-law that he raised as his own from the age of 13. He is also survived by his sisters, June (Gary) Gerber of Byron, OK, and Kay (Reggie) Diel of Cherokee, OK, and leaves behind 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and many friends and extended relatives.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may go to the
Nescatunga Bible Church.

Cemetery Details

Ware Cemetery

71498-71982 Jefferson Rd
RRRH+528 Byron
Burlington, OK 73722, OK 73722

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Necatunga Bible Church
24987 OK-38
Necatunga , OK 73749

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Must Sign in to Church Facebook Page in memory of Rex Sunderland*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 02, 2023 at 12:23 PM

CS

“ *May the memory of Rex Sunderland be for a blessing for all those who knew and loved him. Amen*

cousin Roger Smith - March 03, 2023 at 07:39 AM

RM

“ *Great friend; sort of ornery, also. Robert Moore*

Robert Moore - March 01, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Rex Memories Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 01, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



March 01, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



March 01, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JG

“ I did not know Rex, but I knew his beautiful wife Nelda. I am sorry for your loss .Peace and love I send you.



Jane Gaskkill - March 01, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DW

“ We were honored to have known Rex. One of the good guys for sure! Rest well dear friend, your work here is complete. Sending our sympathy to Nelda & the families he left behind.



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - March 01, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



February 28, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



February 28, 2023 at 10:03 AM

PC

“ Penny Bankston, GM & Waterview Casino purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rex Sunderland.



Penny Bankston, GM & Waterview Casino - February 28, 2023 at 09:41 AM

TC

“ Rex and I went to school together for eight and a half years, my family moved but he and I staid friends all these years. We had our secrets from chidhood and still laugh about it, the things we did. Tommy Clepper



Tommy Clepper - February 28, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



February 27, 2023 at 10:56 PM

AL

“ Angela Lawlor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rex Sunderland.



Angela Lawlor - February 27, 2023 at 09:51 PM

LL

“ *Laura and John Lawlor purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rex Sunderland.*



Laura and John Lawlor - February 27, 2023 at 08:21 PM

SA

“ *Sonya J Alexander purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rex Sunderland.*



Sonya J Alexander - February 27, 2023 at 08:15 PM

WJ

“ Although Rex was two grades ahead of me, we were friends from the early 1950s. During elementary school, I rode the school bus home with him several times. We always had a great time. One incident I'll always remember from elementary school occurred during the late 1950sn when one of our female classmates reported to the Principal, Mr. Darrell Baltz, she had seen Rex and I throwing snowballs at each other during recess. Some of the girls had previously complained of some boys throwing snowballs at them. A directive came out of the Principal's office to cease throwing snowballs. Rex and I thought it would be okay if we just threw them at each other. WRONG! We were summoned to see Principal Baltz. He addressed both of us and asked if we were throwing snowballs. We both fessed up. I also stated, "We were just throwing at each other, not the girls!" That wasn't what Principal Baltz wanted the hear. He then removed his belt from his slacks, folded it in half and slapped his palm with it. Both Rex's and my eyes got big! Principal Baltz then he asked us if we were going to throw any more snowballs. Rex and I both answered, NO! Principal Baltz slapped the belt against his palm and stated, "The next time you get the belt, do you understand?" We answered, Yes!" and were dismissed. 😊

Wayne S. Guffy, Jr. - February 27, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex Sunderland.



February 27, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Rex. He was always so kind to us. He did good work for us as an electrician also. He was so willing to come when we needed work done. We are praying for comfort for you during this time.

Ike and Kathie

Kathie Wessels - February 27, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ We were fortunate enough to of attended high school with Rex, many memories that we will always cherish. Prayers and warm hugs go out to family members.

Susan Martin - February 27, 2023 at 03:31 PM