



## Eric Helveston

June 18, 1961 - January 17, 2026

Eric was born on Father's Day, June 18th 1961, in Oklahoma City to his parents Bill Trippe and Margaret Ruth (Houk) Helveston.

As most of us know, Eric was incredibly social and had a passion for sports. During his time at Midwest City High School, Eric became a valuable and confident member of the Bomber football team as well as excelling in the freestyle wrestling team. He was proud to be a Midwest City Bomber and in 1979 helped his team become the Mid-State 4A Regional Champions and the Oklahoma 4A State Runner-up as an offensive tackle. Football was his passion, but wrestling was his forte. That same year, he became the National Champion in Freestyle Wrestling. 1980 proved to be a very busy year for him as he not only was graduating highschool; he was asked to represent the state of Oklahoma in Poland where he won in Freestyle 9-2 and later named Outstanding Heavyweight in his home state. He qualified for the Olympic trials but couldn't compete due to the US boycott that year.

His passion for football granted him a full scholarship to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College where he continued his love of both football and wrestling. The highlight of his time at NEO was being a member of the Golden Norseman class that became the National Champions in 1980. He also went on to Nationals in collegiate style wrestling. After college, he continued to wrestle and play football in Cops and Cons and Police and Fire games in Memphis.

From his deep-seated desire to help people, Eric discovered his calling for

Criminal Justice, which he pursued at Rogers State College. He began what would be 25 years of outstanding service at the Broken Arrow Police Force. In 1993, Eric became half of a proud K-9 unit, the other half belonging to his faithful companion Max the German Shepherd. They were truly partners against crime. Max's heroism came to a halt in 1997 when a cervical problem threatened lifelong paralysis. Eric made the decision to drop out of the K-9 unit and raise money for Max's surgery. The fund raised above and beyond, the excess stored for other police dogs needing medical help in the future. The surgery was successful, but Max would not join the force again. Max lived peacefully with Eric until his passing in 1999.

When Eric was 36 years old, he met the first true love of his life, Marcy, and later on he met the second and third loves of his life, his children Garrett and Lauren. Over the next 29 years, Eric's heart guided him once again as he became a husband, a father, and later on a grandfather.

As he continued to live and grow, he traveled the world with Marcy. He loved his football teams the Minnesota Vikings and OU. He loved hunting, camping, riding Harley motorcycles, rock music, bowling, NASCAR, and playing cards (especially with his 'church ladies'). He had an endless list of friends and an even longer list of people he'd helped.

On early morning Saturday, January 17th of 2026, Eric's heart finally came to rest as it performed its last job of 64 years – guiding Eric to God. He will always be remembered as a kind, loving and giving husband, father and friend.

We are all brought here together by Eric's heart, by his love of others. Eric is survived by his loving wife, Marcy Helveston of Wagoner, Oklahoma; his children, Garrett (& Ana Sapero) Relja and Lauren (& Russell) Valleroy; his grandchildren, LenaRaye Valleroy, Paola Sapero Relja, and Rhyatt Valleroy; and his sister Tawana.

He is preceded in death by parents, Bill "Gabby" and Margaret "Maggi" Helveston and his brother Billy.

Arrangements:

Viewing: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 12:00–8:00pm

Visitation (with family present): Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Funeral Service: Friday, 23 Jan 2026 at 1:00pm, followed by police burial

Hayhurst Funeral Home

1660 S. Elm Place

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Feel free to wear casual weather appropriate attire.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to:

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 170

or

Broken Arrow Police Foundation

<https://bapdfoundation.org/become-a-donor/>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

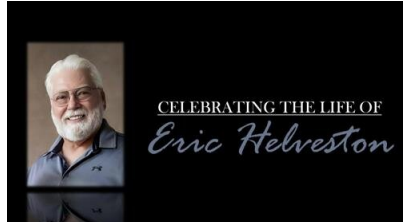
JAN **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Eric Helveston



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 20 at 11:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 23 at 12:54 PM

BT

“ Brooke, Brent, Charlie and Thea Torrey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eric Helveston.



Brooke, Brent, Charlie and Thea Torrey - January 22 at 11:14 AM

BT

“ Brooke, Brent, Charlie and Thea Torrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.

Brooke, Brent, Charlie and Thea Torrey - January 22 at 11:14 AM

TF

“ I met Eric when I was on the fire department and he was on the police department. He always called me “hose dragger’ and teased me a lot but I knew he would do anything for me. We later reunited at the bowling alley while bowling in the same league. I will miss seeing him and hear him call me a name. (all in fun) Rest in peace brother. You will be missed.

Terry Ferrel - January 21 at 09:57 PM

DH

“ David & Sydney Hency purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Eric Helveston.



David & Sydney Hency - January 21 at 01:43 PM

PS

“ Pastor Steve and Sue purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eric Helveston.



Pastor Steve and Sue - January 21 at 12:22 PM

PS

“ *Pastor Steve and Sue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.*

Pastor Steve and Sue - January 21 at 12:22 PM

RG

“ *RODNEY D. GARNER lit a candle in memory of Eric Helveston*



RODNEY D. GARNER - January 21 at 12:00 PM

MW

“ *Mark & Sunny Whaley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric Helveston.*



Mark & Sunny Whaley - January 21 at 11:10 AM

FV

“ *Fran and Randy Valleroy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eric Helveston.*



Fran and Randy Valleroy - January 21 at 10:36 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Eric Helveston.*



---

January 21 at 09:56 AM



“ *Valtec Hydraulics, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.*

---

**Valtec Hydraulics, Inc.** - January 21 at 09:56 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Helveston.*



---

January 20 at 09:21 PM



“ *Frank and Shelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.*

---

**Frank and Shelly** - January 20 at 09:21 PM

SL

“ I went to Cleveland Bailey Elementary through MWC high school with Eric. He came from a loving family and had so many friends. He loved sports and gave 100% on everything he did. I will miss golfing with Eric at our high school reunions. RIP my friend. Prays go out for his wife and family.



Sheri Lucas - January 20 at 08:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric Helveston.



January 20 at 03:18 PM

TA

“ TransCor America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.

TransCor America - January 20 at 03:18 PM

RF

“ Ryan Valleroy Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Eric Helveston.



Ryan Valleroy Family - January 20 at 02:03 PM

KW

“ Keith Walton purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Eric Helveston.



---

**Keith Walton** - January 20 at 12:06 PM

KW

“ Keith Walton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.

---

**Keith Walton** - January 20 at 12:06 PM

DF

“ Debbie and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Eric Helveston.



---

**Debbie and family** - January 19 at 10:17 PM

DP

“ We met you both about 10 years ago in a seminar for vacation time share. We were just retired from Coweta, Oklahoma, and we're starting our retired life on the East Coast. I remember when we realized that Eric had worked with our twins father Ben Crockett.. we had just lost one of the twins, and Eric was so kind and what he said about serving with Ben and the kind of man and Family my twins were being raised in. It comforted me and for a long time. we've watched you both enjoying those vacations all over the country and maybe the world. I am so sorry. I'm praying for strength and peace for you. Not just this week but for the many weeks and months that will follow you on this path. Grief has no time limit. Take your time. RIP officer

Denise Patterson - January 19 at 10:02 PM

DP

“ My special crazy funny cousin you will be missed until we meet again. I will miss all your funny silly posts that always keep me laughing. Wish we had so much more time together. You will be missed. Love Debbie

Deborah Penia - January 19 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ Love, Cheri Mohan Schmitt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Eric Helveston.



Love, Cheri Mohan Schmitt - January 19 at 07:55 PM

SS

“ Scott & Tina Stone purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Eric Helveston.



---

**Scott & Tina Stone** - January 19 at 07:51 PM

SS

“ Scott & Tina Stone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.

---

**Scott & Tina Stone** - January 19 at 07:51 PM

TW

“ My encounters with Eric were at classmate get togethers. He came across as such an outstanding guy...My heart goes out to you Marcy and to the family, during your time of grief.

---

**Trusten Williams** - January 19 at 06:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric Helveston.



---

January 19 at 04:09 PM

JS

“ Jay & Nancy Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Helveston.

---

**Jay & Nancy Smith** - January 19 at 04:09 PM