



Jay Bennett

June 2, 1955 - April 4, 2025

Jay Richard Bennett was born in Oklahoma City on a Thursday, June 2, 1955 to John and Rita (Burns) Bennett. He passed on to the hereafter in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Friday, April 4, 2025. He will be missed by all who knew him. Jay was a graduate of Putnam City High School in 1973 and went on to OSU with a degree in accounting and graduated from TU with an MBA. He worked in the oil and gas industry. He met the lovely Rhonda Sue Hamilton and they were married in Midwest City, Oklahoma on August 16 1980. Together they had three children and his family continues to grow. Jay loved his family deeply and enjoyed spending time with them. He would travel to see his kids wherever they may be!

Jay was a known problem solver. He spent hours in his garage working on classic cars. He was very generous with his time and skills. Jay always made sure those around him were well taken care of. Another of his passions was running. He made lifelong friends running. Jay had two dogs, Bella and Moonpie, which he loved like family.

He leaves behind family to treasure his memories,
Wife, Rhonda Bennett of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Children, Lindsey Karp and William of Owasso, Oklahoma
John Michael Bennett and Sarah of Broken Arrow Oklahoma
Christopher Bennett and Creighton of Dallas, Texas
Grandchildren, Morgan Karp, Oliver Karp and Claire Bennett
Siblings, Kathy Minnich and Roy Bennett

Preceded in death by his parents, John and Rita Bennett

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay Bennett.

April 21, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ I worked at Samson with Jay for 17 years. He was all around great man. Always a smile and a pleasure to work with. I am very sad to hear of his passing. The world needs more people like him.

Douglas Longan - April 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Nancy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Bennett.

Nancy C. - April 12, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ I worked with Jay for many years at Samson. Although I was on the Technical side and Jay on the Accounting side, our paths crossed on numerous projects. I could always count on any information that Jay provided to be accurate and well researched. Jay had a calm and deliberate manner and was always patient in educating me in the accounting arts. I also saw Jay on several of the iconic Tulsa road races where we shared the running bug-but I'm pretty sure he had the bug worse than I did as I was impressed by his ambition! Jay was a great guy and I am better for knowing him-he will be missed. Heartfelt condolences to his family.

Ken Davis - April 10, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BB

“ Brenda B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Bennett.

Brenda B. - April 09, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BB

“ So sad to hear this news. So many memories with Jay at Samson. Best sense of humor. Could always take a joke. Great mentor. Praying for his precious family that never hesitated to praise.

Brenda Bacon - April 09, 2025 at 11:25 AM

MM

“ Sending my deepest condolences to your family. I worked with Jay for many years back at Samson and was blessed to work more closely with him again in the years before he retired. Always, always a joy! Jay loved to share his wisdom or just his thoughts. He had a deep admiration for his wife and talked of her often. Through his stories, you could see how much he adored his children and grandchildren. Some words of wisdom that he left us with on his last day of work was, "Don't say, I have to go to my Mom's house. Say I get to go to my Moms house." I now say, "I get to"

Marcella Mercer - April 08, 2025 at 09:42 PM

SS

“ Just heard about Jay's passing. Praying for Rhonda and the kids. Jay was my first boss at Samson and I always enjoyed our time. He was a quiet soul but had a good sense of humor. We remained friends and talked for 25 years. Back in the day he talked a lot about working on his MG. I know he was proud of his family and even brought his kids out to my house once when they were younger. I'll miss Jay but have years of memories to keep him in my thoughts.

Sean Sellers - April 08, 2025 at 04:18 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Bennett family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jay.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 07, 2025 at 10:42 AM

AB

“ My sincerest condolences to your family. I worked with Jay in his last few years before retirement. We enjoyed sharing stories of driving fast, vintage Volvos, and Roadkill episodes. My favorite stories of his though were when he talked about how gifted his wife was as a teacher and how much he loved spending time with his kids and their families. I always thought the weekly family dinners were a special thing. May your pride in him bring you peace in the coming months.

Amber Burke - April 06, 2025 at 03:45 PM

MN

“ Prayers and hugs to the Bennett family during this difficult time. We are so lucky to have had special times with Jay over the years.

Matt and Dena Noble - April 06, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 04, 2025 at 10:39 AM