



## Rex Gotcher

December 29, 1948 - January 19, 2019

Rector (Rex) Andrew Gotcher went to be with his Lord and Savior on the evening of January 19, 2019, after complications from an October 2018 stroke. He was surrounded by his children and their spouses at the time of passing.

Rex was born on December 29, 1948 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to parents Carl Gotcher and Gertrude Combs. He was a widower to Susan Jayne Harrawood. Rex lived in the Tulsa area all his life and was a 1967 graduate of Union High School.

Rex lived his life as a giver, starting with his sixteen years serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT for the city of Broken Arrow, OK. His sixteen years of service began in the early 1970's. His desire to help in critical situations, combined with his diligent eagerness to gain information regarding the medical field made Rex one of the most sought after "medics" of his time. If a situation came up that involved a need for upper tier knowledge and skill, combined with a bit of controlled "crazy", "Mad Dog" was your man. To this day, stories about Rex "Mad Dog" Gotcher continue to circulate among the next generation of BAFD heroes.

During his paramedic years, Rex hinted at an entrepreneurial spirit during his "off" days. He would sub-contract for JC Penny's by installing roof ventilation turbines and storm doors. It's this bit of independence that would lead Rex to change careers in the late 1980's.

Rex's second career combined his eagerness for knowledge along with his

sense of adventure. He started his own business, and named it Gotcher Tower Service. His business covered the entire realm of communication towers; maintenance, building, dismantling, installing lines, installing transponders...you name it, Rex's business did it. Rex was able to nurture his trait as a giver even as a business owner. He was known to give many people a "second" chance in life by employing them when no one else would. As long as you were willing to climb, both physically and mentally, Rex was willing to mentor you and give you the love and compassion that many people desperately need. Rex worked in the tower business until he physically could not...he simply loved it.

Rex is preceded in death by father Carl Gotcher, mother Gertrude Combs, brother John Gotcher, and wife Susan J. Harrawood. He is survived by son, Patrick D Gotcher and wife Cheri of Claremore / daughter, Elisa D Hennessy of Wichita, KS / son Michael A Gotcher and wife Kerri of Broken Arrow / eight grandchildren, Spencer, Jordan, Christian, Michaeli, Lexie, A.J., Max, and Aly. He is also survived by brother Rick Gotcher and wife Nancy of Scottsdale, AZ / sister Patricia Harris and husband Grant of Skiatook.

At the request of Rex himself, no service or memorial will take place. Rex simply wanted people to remember him for all the fun times, the companionship, and the wonderful memories created with so many good friends throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in donations to the Broken Arrow Fire Department in his name.

Special thanks to the staff of Forest Hills Assisted Living, the team on floor 4 of St Francis Main, and the in-patient hospice team at St. Francis. You all have made what would normally be a sad memory into a heartfelt, compassionate memory. We will always be grateful.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rex Gotcher*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Mike and Patrick, So sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Monte an I send our thoughts and prayers to you and all your family.*

**Tom Faires** - January 29, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *I worked with him on many emergencies at the old Broken Arrow hospital. A better paramedic you will not find.He was funny,compassionate ,and dedicated.We were friends for some time and he will be missed.*

**Dru Hunt** - January 28, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *To Patrick, Lisa & Michael, my deepest, most sincere condolences on the loss of your Dad. I pray the memories of good times, his laughter, his silliness, his crazy antics, his love will be what ease the pain of your loss. I will love and miss him always, Patty*

**Patricia A. Harris** - January 25, 2019 at 02:16 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Rex as a boy*



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**Patricia A. Harris** - January 25, 2019 at 01:18 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Rex as a boy*



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**Patricia A. Harris** - January 24, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Rex's Kids (Patrick, Elisa, Michael)*



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**Mike Gotcher** - January 24, 2019 at 07:55 PM

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“ Rex was a Great Friend and neighbor and will be missed very much. Christian one of our grandsons loved Rex very much. Now he is with Susie and enjoying life.

Ron Bonner - January 23, 2019 at 06:39 PM

PO

“ R I.P. Rex. I'll miss seeing you and Moody walking around the complex.

Pam Oldham - January 23, 2019 at 09:10 AM



*It should have been Mopsey.*

Pam Oldham - January 25, 2019 at 09:40 PM

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*Patrick, Michael and Lisa: Rick and I wanted to pass along our most heartfelt sympathy to you and your beautiful families on the death of Rick's youngest sibling. Very sad indeed. He was a vibrant, fun, loving and kind man with a heart as big as the sky. I remember the first time I met him in the mid-1980's on my first trip to the farm (any farm for that matter) and he welcomed me with a big bear hug and that gorgeous smile. Rick remembers fondly all the antics of growing up together. He will be remember always and be in our hearts forever. May his memory be a blessing. Nancy & Rick (the desert duo)*

Nancy Stern - January 26, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 21, 2019 at 09:54 AM