



Russell Vassar

July 28, 1945 - November 7, 2022

Russell Vassar (age 77) of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma passed away November 7, 2022. He was born on July 28, 1945 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma to parents Leon and Zelma Vassar. He graduated from Tonkawa High School and Central State University. Beginning in 1968, he worked in the oil and gas industry for 45 years. He first worked with Pan American Petroleum in 1968 and retired from Chevron Texaco in 2003. Then he was a contract auditor from 2003 through 2013.

He married Tina Simmons on January 29, 1965. She preceded him in death on January 15, 2014. He is survived by three children: son Bryan Vassar and wife, Kelli of McKinney, Texas; daughter Renee McCormick and husband, Mike of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and daughter Angela Sassoon and husband, Victor of DuPont, Washington; four grandchildren: Ashleigh Ellison, Kaitlyn Whiteis, Brad Vassar, and Nick Vassar; and four great grandchildren.

He was a long-time member and deacon of Aspen Park Baptist Church.

The memorial service will be on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Aspen Park Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Clarehouse or Aspen Park Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Vassar*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Eleven years ago today, mom and dad won the anniversary dance for being married the longest. Today they dance together in heaven.*



Renee McCormick - November 12, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Vassar.*



November 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 10, 2022 at 12:42 PM

JR

What a beautiful tribute to Russell. My best friend in life was his first cousin, Cheryl Settle Floyd. My first time to meet Russell was in Tonkawa. I was invited by Cheryl to spend a week at her grandparent's home one summer long ago. I met Russell at that time. Then he and I were in Cheryl's and Tony's wedding. He was a very nice guy. I just learned of his passing today. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. The video was just precious.

Sincerely, Janis Johns Rowsey, Ada, OK

Janis Rowsey - February 19, 2023 at 02:12 PM

RE

“*My dad taught me so much over my 53 years...from showing me how to serve God with a humble heart, how a husband should treat his wife, the importance of budgeting and saving, and so much more. Dad was a man of integrity, strength, and unwavering faith. I wish I could've had him another 53 years, but I know I'll see him again in heaven. Love you dad. 💔*



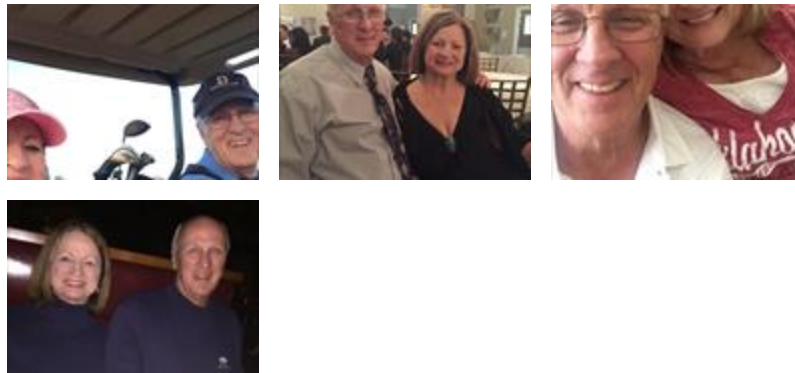
Renee - November 09, 2022 at 08:24 PM

RW

“ My Mother, Lana Gourley, and Russell had a loving and fun-filled relationship for the past eight years. They went on many vacations together (Hilton Head, Rocky Mountain National Park, Phoenix, Corpus Christi, Big Cedar Lodge, Grand Canyon) and enjoyed sharing meals and dining out (but he especially loved her home cooking!). Russell also enjoyed visiting my Mom’s second home in Paola, KS to watch the deer, relax in the countryside and visit the local vineyards.

We loved having Russell and Mom come to my home in Kansas City and shared their passion for watching OU football. I was personally touched by his sweet demeanor to my Mom and my whole family (including my kids, husband and pets :)). I know my Mom will greatly miss his companionship and we are all so thankful they were able to make so many lasting memories over the years.

Robin Willson and family



Robin Willson - November 09, 2022 at 05:41 PM

SG

Such fun memories! My kids were just talking this week about how fun it was to throw a baseball with him in his backyard, feed the ducks at the pond, and have him put to Eufaula for golf cart and boat rides. He is loved and missed by us all 💙

Stephanie Gourley - November 09, 2022 at 06:09 PM

CB

Our family so enjoyed him at Lake Eufaula!! He enjoyed the boat. My grands called him Russell The Muscle! He was strong and liked playing with him. Such a kind man! He raved about Lana's cooking and how much they enjoyed the conversations and traveling. Lana took amazing care of him, especially during the very difficult past couple of years. She was his earth angel! Rest In Peace dear Russell. You made a wonderful impact on our families. 🙏🌹

Cynthia Ballard - November 09, 2022 at 06:23 PM

LG

I was blessed to share many great times with Russell. He will be missed.

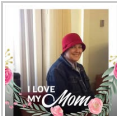
Lana Gourley - November 09, 2022 at 06:39 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 09, 2022 at 02:41 PM



Miss you mom and dad!

Renee McCormick - November 09, 2022 at 08:39 PM

AC

“ Aspen Park Staff and Congregation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell Vassar.



Aspen Park Staff and Congregation - November 09, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Vassar.*



November 09, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Russell Vassar.*



November 09, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *IGS Energy, Columbus, Ohio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell Vassar.*



IGS Energy, Columbus, Ohio - November 09, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Big Sky Construction purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Vassar.*



Big Sky Construction - November 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM

UF

“ *Uncle Jack Stowe and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell Vassar.*



Uncle Jack Stowe and Family - November 08, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Russell Vassar.*



November 08, 2022 at 11:27 AM

BN

“ *Bryan, Kelli, Brad and Nick purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Russell Vassar.*



Bryan, Kelli, Brad and Nick - November 08, 2022 at 09:32 AM

DS

“ I went on my 1st date with Russell. Of course he just let me tag along with him and Tina. We went to a movie; "Around the World in 80 Days" and then went for pizza. He treated me and my cousin, Tina like queen and little princes! I knew then he was perfect for her. I stayed a few days with them one summer to help look after thier new son, Brian. Russell and I had such a good time playing cards. He could hardly stand it when I won! Those were some wonderful funfilled times.

He was a kind loving husband to Tina and his family. I am honored to have known him and look forward to seeing him and Tina together in Heaven.

Donna Stowe - November 07, 2022 at 09:29 PM

TF

“ Terry and Vanda and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Vassar.



Terry and Vanda and family - November 07, 2022 at 01:40 PM

HH

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



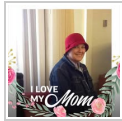
Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 07, 2022 at 01:38 PM



Does anyone happen to know the name and address where Russell Vassar will be buried? I understand it will be in Tonkawa, OK. but not sure of the location.

Donnie Noles - THS 1955

Donnie Noles - November 10, 2022 at 04:55 PM



We will bury mom's and dad's ashes in Tonkawa at a later date.

Renee McCormick - November 10, 2022 at 07:26 PM