



Sean Thomas Sowell

June 17, 1967 - August 7, 2025

Sean Thomas Sowell, 58, of Glenpool, Oklahoma, passed from this Earth on August 7, 2025. Born on June 17, 1967, in Carmel, California, Sean lived a life marked by dedication, intellect, humility, and an unwavering commitment to his family and friends.

Sean graduated from Easthampton High School (Easthampton, Massachusetts) before pursuing his passion in the field of aviation. After earning his Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance certification from Tulsa Technology Center, Sean attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU), where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance and earned his pilot's license. His career as an aircraft mechanic spanned more than three decades at Tulsair Beechcraft, where his career culminated as the Vice President and Director of Maintenance. Since 2024, Sean owned and operated the Sapulpa Tag Office, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

In 1990, while attending SOSU, Sean met Kelli (Crain) Sowell, and they were married in 1992. Together, they built a beautiful life rooted in love, trust, respect and family – a life reflected in their three daughters – Sydney Noel, Riley Grace, and Hadley Quinn. These precious children stand as a testament to Sean and Kelli's enduring bond and values.

Sean was, in every sense, the "ultimate girl dad" — not just showing up but being present...from dance classes and recitals and music performances to swim, shooting, grilling, homework and life lessons...from crafting and

painting and building Legos to the many road trips, via van or RV, including the oh, so many American Girl doll adventures shared...Sean's love and support of and pride in his girls was constant – steady, strong and unmatched. Sean was a true history buff and avid learner, car enthusiast, highly respected airplane consultant and avid hunter. He was deeply knowledgeable about firearms, often building and adapting his own, reloading brass, and teaching gun safety. Numbers were second nature to him (from dates, to phone, address, license plate, aircraft tail...). Sean could identify aircraft by sound alone and recall maintenance histories by tail numbers without ever opening a logbook. His precision, intelligence, and deep expertise left a lasting impression on all who worked with and learned from him.

Above all, Sean was known for his ethics, kindness, humility, and quiet strength. A private man, he led by example and earned the trust and respect of everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Kelli; daughters Sydney, Riley, and Hadley; his parents, Thomas Edwin and Norma Jean Sowell; aunt, godmother, and uncle, Nancy and Bill Shea; uncle and aunt, Dick and Joann Picard; aunt Janice Sowell; sister- and brother-in-law, Gloria and Tommy Shaw; niece, Carla Walker; great niece, Chloe Walker; his chosen brothers, Mike Molencupp and Tom Watson; many cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother Christopher Lee Sowell; maternal grandparents Theodore Noel and Dorothy Picard; paternal grandparents Moody and Desdie Lee Sowell; parents-in-law Mary Ellen Crain and Ervin Wendell Crain; brother-in-law, Ervin Wendell "Wendy" Crain; and chosen brother Jeffrey Spencer.

Sean's legacy of love, loyalty, and integrity lives on through his family and all those fortunate enough to have known him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 30, 3 pm at Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club, Zink Ranch – Clubhouse, Skiatook, Oklahoma. The family kindly requests no floral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry, I remember Sean as a very young boy, I used to babysit Sean and his brother Christopher at there home at Grand lake. I always enjoyed watching these boy. Such a treat

Lora Wise - December 08, 2025 at 08:25 PM

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 07, 2025 at 02:50 PM