



## George "Steve" Stephen Darnell

February 10, 1956 - October 18, 2024

George Stephen "Steve" Darnell, 68, of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on October 18th, surrounded by family. Steve was born February 10th, 1956, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to George Henry Darnell and June Delores Fosdick Darnell. Steve graduated from Miami High School in 1974, then went on to college at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology- Okmulgee, earning a degree as a diesel mechanic.

Steve owned and operated Darnell Services, a local mechanical and welding shop. Originally owned as Spohn Welding by his father, George Darnell in the early 1960's. Steve led the charge from May 1980 until September of 2024, alongside his loyal colleague Patrick Pulley (1985- Present). Steve had many interests. He spent years involved in local theater, often lending a hand backstage or on sound and lights. An avid music lover, Steve was an accomplished saxophone player, and his rich bass voice added depth to many a song. Steve especially loved building and racing Tuff Trucks. At the spry age of 27, Steve helped coordinate the 1982 inaugural Miami Monster Truck Show and was one of the original Tuff Truck drivers starting in 1997. In the 42 years that have passed since that first show, Steve spent many evenings and weekends diligently preparing trucks for races, fixing trucks after they'd been run hard, setting up bleachers for the show, or just lending a helping hand in any way he could. Steve was a member of First Christian Church of Miami, where he previously served as a Devotional Group Leader and Deacon. Additionally, he previously served as an Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge for

two terms, serving on a number of committees- one of his favorites being the annual Christmas Basket Project.

Remaining to cherish Steve's memory are his partner, Karen Cummings; his son Andrew (Drew) Stephen Darnell; his daughter, Marriah (Darnell) Baker and her husband, Lauden Baker; his grandson, Briar Stephen Darnell; his sister, Elizabeth (Liz) Forrester and her husband, Bruce Forrester; his nieces and nephew, Kandi Osburn, Jennifer Hinshaw, and Matthew Stanley; and countless dear friends and family.

Preceding Steve in death are his parents and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 1pm at First Christian Church of Miami with Leon Weece officiating. Friends and family are welcome to gather in the lobby of First Christian Church of Miami to reminisce following the service.

Memorial donations in Steve's memory may be directed to The Miami Elks Lodge Christmas Basket Project. Flowers may be sent to Brown Winters Funeral Home in Miami, Oklahoma.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Darnell's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Miami  
2424 North Main  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-9816  
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 23, 2024 at 06:05 PM

DS

*What a wonderful tribute to simply a great guy. I have wonderful memories of being neighbors with the Darnell's and growing up with Steve and Liz. This video brings a huge smile to my heart. Rest In Peace, Steve. To God be your glory.  
Dixie Tyler Smalley*

**Dixie Tyler Smalley** - October 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.*



October 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM

GF

“ *George and Bobbie (Pulley) Frye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.*

**George and Bobbie (Pulley) Frye** - October 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mr. Darnell, is there anything else we can do for you?

Not unless you have two tickets to white sand and blue water.



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 23, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.



October 23, 2024 at 08:31 AM



“ Coca-Cola Vinita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.

**Coca-Cola Vinita** - October 23, 2024 at 08:31 AM

FB

“ Fron Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.



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**Fron Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages** - October 21, 2024 at 03:11 PM

FB

“ Fron Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George "Steve" Stephen Darnell.

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**Fron Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages** - October 21, 2024 at 03:11 PM

BT

“ So sorry to hear this. I counted Steve as one of my good friends. He kept me on the road for many, many years. -Bill Thompson

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**Bill Thompson** - October 21, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KC

“ You said you viewed your journey as a “win” “win” - You are missed down here by your family and many friends....HELLO IN HEAVEN!!!  
Kathy Coughenour

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**Kathy C** - October 20, 2024 at 05:06 PM

DF

“ We lost a good man an good friend he will be missed by many.

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**Dale Francisco** - October 20, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RW

“ I knew him many years he was a good man prayers for the family  
may he RIP

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**Robert Wright** - October 19, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RW

*He was a good mechanic he will be missed by many people*

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**Robert Wright** - October 19, 2024 at 04:26 PM