



## James Michael Gleason

December 17, 1946 - April 4, 2022

James Michael Gleason, Grove, Oklahoma passed away on April 4, 2022. He was 75. Mr. Gleason was born December 17, 1946, in Okeene, Oklahoma to Charles Cecil and Ruth (Esterbrook) Gleason. In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve, he married Billie Jean McClellan that same year. Mr. Gleason worked for Michelin/BFG in Miami, OK and Woodburn, IN as the maintenance mechanic for 39 years. He also had a certificate of membership in the St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana. James enjoyed fishing Grand Lake for many years in his retirement.

Mr. Gleason was preceded passing by his parents Charles and Ruth Gleason, and his wife Billie Jean Gleason.

Survivors include his brother Cecil R. Gleason of Gilbert, AZ, a sister Cheri L. Hill of Derby, Kansas and two nieces, Stephanie Hill of Newton, Kansas, and Carmen Wathen of Mullvane, Kansas.

Graveside Services will be Friday, April 8, 2022 At 10:00 AM at Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden with Reverend Brian Gibson officiating.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden

58915 East 100 Road  
PO Box 1511  
Miami, OK 74355  
(918) 919-9904

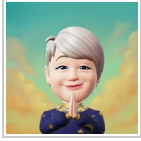
# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I was so surprised to come across James’ obituary. I was looking to read Billie’s as I’ve done in the past. My first introduction to Grand Lake was spending many weekends at Billie’s family home in Commerce beginning in 1964. We both lived in Tammy Hall at PSU. As I recall we met James because he lived in the same private dorm complex. Many decades later, my late husband and I retired to Grove. I knew of Billie’s passing but had no idea James had moved to Grove. I’m sorry we never reconnected. I had several good “Billie stories.” Lynn Keidel

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**Lynn Keidel** - September 01, 2023 at 12:11 AM

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“ Jim and I became friends when he was moving to Grove. I was his realtor. He was always such a gentleman when we were together. Quietly fun.

Jim, my husband, Steve, and I, would go to the movies and have pizza afterwards. Sometimes we enjoyed the Playmakers. 4th of July we would watch the fireworks together. He enjoyed going to Braums. He would have us over in his meticulous home and fixed some delicious meals and then we would watch a movie. I loved the way he would look at me when I said something he didn't particularly agree with. Yup, we didn't talk politics. lol I miss him. RIP

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**Donna & Steve** - April 07, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CH

Donna, I am an old friend of Jim and Billie and I saw that look many times too! He was one of a kind.

Claudia Harris

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**Claudia J. Harris** - April 07, 2022 at 06:35 PM

SG

“ Jim was a great guy, we really and admired him. We are going to miss him. I hope he is with his wife now I know how much he missed her.

Steve & Debbie

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**Steve Groves** - April 07, 2022 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ Jim and I worked together for a long time and when he retired and moved to grove he needed to get his truck down there so I pulled a trailer loaded with things he didn't want the movers to take and he drove his truck down and then rode back with me. Over the years I had field trials in kansas and ok. and I would stay at Jims and we would have a great time. I also would come down and stay 2or3 days every now and then just so we could visit. Before covid hit my wife and I would meet Jim in Joplin and have dinner to visit. I sure am going to miss him! Till we meet again my friend, John

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**John Campbell** - April 07, 2022 at 08:37 AM

CC

I will miss the visits John and I had with Jim. I will miss sending homemade pies to him. He was such a good friend to us. Godspeed Jim, and rest easy.

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**Carolyn Campbell** - April 07, 2022 at 01:15 PM

CH

I have known Jim a long time and I will miss knowing he is fishing on Grand Lake and working in his yard but I have a lot of great memories of our times together.  
So Jim, Go give Billie a kiss for me. and tell her I'm glad you're there to take care of her. Miss you both and love you guys forever.

Claudia Harris

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**Claudia J. Harris** - April 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DY

*I only discovered that we lost Jim a week after the fact and was so sad at the news. My sincere sympathy to his family. I first met Jim when he moved to Grove. He came into my office to talk insurance. He was moving into a house across the street from my best friends. Jim being the friendly person he was, became friends with my friends. The three of them would sometimes come to my house for dinner and an evening of visiting. He was a blast to be around. Jim was also very talented and shared with me a wonderful item he painted. I told him often how much I loved it and it made me smile every time I looked at it. It is a cherished item and will always remind me how much I miss him.*

*DJ Yakley*

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**DJ Yakley** - April 13, 2022 at 12:41 PM