



Kevin Neil Jolly

October 15, 1963 - May 17, 2025

Kevin Neil Jolly, of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on May 17th, 2025, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Lubbock, Texas, on October 15, 1963, to Kenneth and Melba Jolly. In 1968, the family moved to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where Kevin spent most of his childhood and graduated from high school. He went on to attend Northeastern State University, where he studied Computer Sciences—an early passion that would shape much of his career.

Kevin later moved to Barstow, California, while working with U-Haul. It was there he met the mother of his daughter, Sarah Dawn, beginning an important chapter in his life as a proud and loving father.

Kevin was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. Jovial and fun-loving, he had a knack for making people laugh and his was infectious, getting so tickled and red in the face from a good story or joke. He never met a stranger and conversation came easily.

He was a better fisherman than his brother and cousin Jeff—something he proudly claimed. He enjoyed nothing more than a good drink, a fine cigar, and time spent in the great outdoors. He especially loved the times he spent with his grandson, Anthony, fishing.

A devoted OU Sooner fan, Kevin bled crimson and cream. He spent many years volunteering for the Varsity “O” Association, passionately supporting the team and building friendships with fellow fans. Game days were sacred and he cherished every opportunity to cheer on his beloved Sooners.

Though he carried himself with humor and confidence, Kevin had a tender heart. He would tear up at sentimental moments, never afraid to show his love for family and the people who mattered most. His warmth and emotional honesty were part of what made him so special to those who knew him. Kevin had a fulfilling and varied career. He managed a U-Haul center, a role he took great pride in, and previously owned his own computer store. He also worked in IT hardware support for medical hospitals, where his knowledge and dedication made a meaningful impact behind the scenes of patient care. He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Johnston, and her husband, Avery; three grandchildren, Merit, Helena, and Breccan; his brother, Kerry Jolly; his sister, Kristy Beamish; several nieces and nephews, and many others with whom he called family. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Father, and Sister Jana Kimball with whom he shared many adventures.

He lived his life with warmth, humor, and a deep love for those around him. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The family will be memorializing Kevin privately in his favorite place—New Mexico—where his spirit will be honored in the peace and beauty he loved. Cremation services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami, Oklahoma.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Kevin's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ You will be missed old friend



Eddie Jetton - June 06, 2025 at 05:43 PM

KR

“ Oh the Jolly memories and times we've shared! Brother Kevin, you were loved and will be missed.



Kristy - May 24, 2025 at 03:17 AM

MP

“ Sending love and prayers to the family. So sad to loose both Jana and Kevin.

They will be missed ❤️

mary parker - May 20, 2025 at 11:14 PM

KE

“ 6 files added to the album Tribute Wall Album



kerry - May 20, 2025 at 08:52 AM

JT

“ I don't know what to say. I love you Kevin and you were way more than a cousin to me. I will miss you something awful. I always hoped that we would grow old together fishing in NM and MI until we couldn't do it anymore. It will never be the same on either river without you. I hope you are in the presence of your dad, your mom, your sister, my dad, your various uncles and cousins that went before you. Sorry if I left anybody out. Rest in peace and know that we love you and continue the good fight until it's our time.

Jeff Thompson - May 19, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JT

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall Album



Jeff Thompson - May 19, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KB

“ April 2025, fishing no matter! We were fortunate to take Kevin to his favorite place for a final chase of the trout!



Kristy Beamish - May 19, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DB

We love you Kristy and family ❤️

Debbie Baker - May 19, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kevin’s passing! We will always remember all the great family adventures when we were growing up in Lubbock! But I have 2 memories in particular ! The first was when we were fishing as little kids and I hooked Kevin in the ear with a fish hook! I still do t know how it happened! lol! And the 2nd was when we came to visit you guys in Tahlequah one summer and went swimming in that deep hole! I didn’t really know how to swim and I almost drowned Kevin trying to get out of the water! Thank you Kevin for saving my life! He will be missed! Prayers to ALL the family as you have had your share of this this year! We love you all!!!

Melanie Myres Tyler - May 19, 2025 at 09:41 AM