



## Merrill Duane Lewis

August 14, 1940 - March 2, 2024

Merrill Duane Lewis, 83, of Miami, Oklahoma passed away surrounded by his family at Grandwood Assisted Living in Grove on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Merrill was preceded in death by his parents Merrill and Rosella (Ostrander) Lewis and his former wife Karen K Lewis.

He is survived by his wife Sandy of the home, son Duane Merrill Lewis (Michael Madeary) of Kasson, Minnesota, son Merrill Lee (Raynae) Lewis of Vinita, daughter Wendy Lynn Cooper of Miami, surviving sisters include Sharon (La Verne) Kuhlman of Rockford, Illinois, Rosella (Rosie) Lund and Bonnie Lewis of Rochester, Minnesota, Terry (Chris) Hellinger of Burnsville, Minnesota and grandson Christopher Ryan Cooper Jr. of Rochester. Also surviving are his Step children and step grandchildren.

Merrill married Donna Franke (Schott) of Plainview and later divorced. He attended John Marshall High School in Rochester. He loved fishing, dancing, cars, writing and publishing music. He worked construction in Tulsa. In Ponca City he had his own cleaning business. After moving to the Blujacket area he worked at the Home of Hope for many years before retiring from there. Through the years he played in different country music bands, wrote and recorded many of his own songs.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

There will be a memorial service for Merrill on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service's Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family hopes you will dance your dance and to always keep a song in your heart and that memorial contributions go to the Alzheimer's Association.

may see the family notes of encouragement by viewing Merrill's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
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## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Merrill Duane Lewis*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 05, 2024 at 12:05 PM

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*Beautiful tribute and family there but none of us here back in Mn. as a sister and others we were a big part of his life growing up..Dissapointing to say the least. RIP brother*

**Terry Heiliger** - March 06, 2024 at 09:34 PM

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*I will remember the times when we were together! RIP dear brother*

**Bonnie** - March 10, 2024 at 03:53 AM

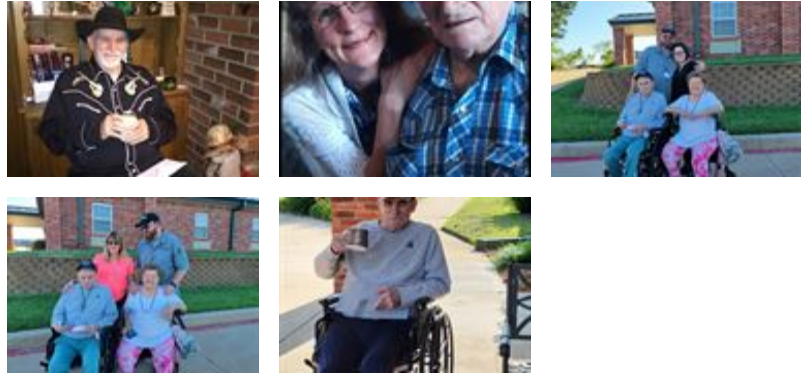
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“ *I remember singing with my brother, now he is singing with the angels! love you brother,*

**Bonnie** - March 10, 2024 at 03:50 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 05, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Cousin Babe lived with my family when I was around 11. I remember him teaching me some guitar chords. He always sang Your Momma Don't Dance and Your Daddy Don't Rock and Roll. I have fond memories.*

**DeeAnn Klempke (Ostrander)** - March 05, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Brandon Brewster purchased the Tear of Love Pendant for the family of Merrill Duane Lewis.*



**Brandon Brewster** - March 04, 2024 at 06:02 PM