



Gary "Bear" Caldwell

July 12, 1952 - July 20, 2021

Gary Eldon Caldwell "Bear"

Gary Eldon Caldwell of Pauls Valley, Ok was born July 12, 1952 in Stillwater, Ok and passed away July 20, 2021 in Oklahoma City, Ok at the age of 69.

Bear grew up and graduated high school in Pauls Valley, Ok. He worked as a truck driver and later worked as the Safety Coordinator for Dixon Construction. Bear was a member of the PV Round-Up Club and enjoyed rodeoing, riding his horses, and was always trying to stay out of trouble. On July 16, 2012 he married Linda South in Pauls Valley, Ok.

Bear is survived by his wife: Linda

3 Sons: Gabriel Caldwell of Orlando, Fl

Mike Hill and Candy of Madill, Ok

Gene Ballard of Pauls Valley, Ok

2 Daughters: Meghan Davis & her husband Kyle of Pauls Valley, Ok

Ginger Sliger of Pauls Valley, Ok

2 Brothers: Doug Caldwell & Pam of Pauls Valley, Ok

Randy Caldwell & Debbie of Pauls Valley, Ok

1 Sister: Glenna Cramer & husband Bob of Stillwater, Ok

9 Grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, a niece, and brother Robert Caldwell.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Bear's life at their home on Sunday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m. Services for cremation are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You can send a condolence to the family on our website at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Family Home
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *liz mcfadden
needham*

I knew Bear back 1977-8. I was sad to hear of his passing. He was an awesome man. We got together 78 after his divorce. His X was my X's brother inlaw a good man to me and my daughter Candi thought the world of him.she passed in 2018. Little story is that when he wud leave on the truck told me that I cud go charge gas put it on his account everything was good till he went to pay end of the month he was in there awhile come out thought he was going to be so pissed at me it was really,really high but he ask what I'd been doing I was running to okc when he'd leave all he said to me was I xudnt charge no more unless he told them I was coming down. Thought he was going to tear me a new one never said another thing to me. Now that's an awesome man. I'm so sorry for his family he's a great loss. Glad to read that he got married and had children he deserved it. Hope you don't mind me posting this feel lik I was blessed to know him.was looking at the pictures I have thought I'd get in touch say whats up. Sorry I was late. He was one of the good guys loved that laugh and what he called his hands so sorry .

Liz mcfadden,needham - January 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Gary "Bear" Caldwell*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM

RC

“ *Ruby Current lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell*



Ruby Current - July 25, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of great man he was sweet, kind, and funny he will be missed dearly by many.*

shannon smith - July 25, 2021 at 06:53 AM

DC

Gary and I used to play together as kids growing up in Pauls Valley. My name is Duncan Canaday.

Duncan Canaday - August 12, 2021 at 12:41 PM

DM

“ *Always enjoyed seeing him at the rodeos. He will be missed. Praying for strength in the coming days.*

Debra McGee

Widow of the late Mark McGee (rodeo announcer)

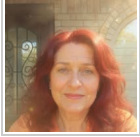
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Debra McGee - July 25, 2021 at 12:20 AM

BH

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family. Lots of wonderful memories of him stopping by and shooting bull. He will be greatly missed*

Beth Hammett - July 24, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *LaDonna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell*



LaDonna Edwards - July 23, 2021 at 09:45 PM

BR

“ *So very, very sorry for your loss. A great light has passed and will be greatly missed. I have memories of Bear all the way back to grade school, rodeos and beyond he was always such a blast to be around, he was a great guy. Prayers for comfort and strength during this difficult time of loss. Love in Chrust, Steve and Pam (Ivy) Branam*

branam - July 23, 2021 at 01:58 PM

LB

“ *Linda and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Bear was definitely one of a kind and my dad thought the world of him. I'm sure daddy greeted Bear with a big ole hug at Heaven's gates. My sincere prayers for your comfort.*

LaDonna Beaver - July 23, 2021 at 09:06 AM

KE

“ *Bear was so much fun to be around, I have so many fun and fond memories of him. He kept everyone laughing.*

Karen Ellis - July 23, 2021 at 08:12 AM

KE

“ Karen Ellis lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell



Karen Ellis - July 23, 2021 at 08:11 AM

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to all of Sugar Bear's family. He will always have a special place in my heart. He was the best swing dance partner I ever had. Sugar Bear had a way that made you smile when he walked into the room! Prayers and hugs to all. RIP Sugar a bear! You will be greatly missed by all.



David aand Rita Hines-Fryar - July 23, 2021 at 02:12 AM

DA

“ Debby Williams Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell



Debby Williams Atkinson - July 22, 2021 at 11:51 PM

MW

“ God Speed my buddy! Love you

Marilyn Webster - July 22, 2021 at 07:47 PM

EB

“ *Bear was a good friend we rodeoed with. He was a good man. He’s doing to be missed for sure.* ”

Earkene Fifer Barlow - July 22, 2021 at 06:54 PM

EB

“ *Earkene Fifer Barlow lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell* ”



Earkene Fifer Barlow - July 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Adams lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell* ”



lisa Adams - July 22, 2021 at 04:46 PM

BS

“ *Linda, you & the family are in our thoughts & prayers. Bear will be missed by many.* ”
Butch & Brenda Stewart

Butch & Brenda Stewart - July 22, 2021 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry for the family’s loss. I have known Gary from the time back in school when we affectionately called him Sugar Bear. He was always a very kind and loving person to all who knew him. He always was happy and made everyone smile. I always considered myself fortunate to have been his friend. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family as they go thru this terrible time in their lives.

Steve & Mary Brown Selby and family

Mary Brown Selby - July 22, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ This is so sad to me. Bear was one of the best, most fun and one of the most real people I ever knew. He will be missed. Will keep family and friends in my thoughts. So sorry.

Sharon (Cook) Brown - July 22, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JM

“ Jason Mcelhaney lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell



Jason mcelhaney - July 22, 2021 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ Uncle Bear was always kind and warm. I loved him and will miss him terribly

Jason mcelhaney - July 22, 2021 at 12:08 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and have our deepest sympathy.



Bonnie Bjerke - July 22, 2021 at 12:02 PM

KH

“ Kay (metz) Howard lit a candle in memory of Gary "Bear" Caldwell



kay (metz) howard - July 22, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DW

“ Prayers for the family. Have known Bear many years and treasure the memories of friendship we had.

Debbie Wadley - July 22, 2021 at 11:06 AM