



## Gary Wayne Briggs

May 5, 1947 - March 19, 2024

Gary Wayne Briggs was born May 5, 1947, in Niagara Falls, New York, to Melvin Leonard Briggs and Jimmie Lee Bennett Briggs. He died peacefully on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the age of 76 years. Gary completed his high school education in Shidler, Oklahoma, and graduated in 1965. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He continued his education attending Oklahoma City University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

Gary was married November 4, 1970, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to Peggy Crabtree. He spent most of his professional career with American Electric Power where he became the plant manager of Tulsa Power Station and later at the Northeastern power station 3 and 4 in Oologah, Oklahoma. Gary was a faithful member of St. Therese Catholic Church in Collinsville, Oklahoma, where he proudly served as wherever needed for his church family. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, especially time spent outdoors such as fishing, bird hunting, and boating, particularly on Oologah Lake. His greatest joys were serving God and traveling with his wife Peggy. He dearly loved his grandkids who affectionately knew him as "Papa". Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His Wife; Peggy, of the home

Daughter; Tammy Hudgens and husband Mitchell, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Grandchildren; Mitchell Hudgens and wife Emily, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Jamie Meek and husband Martin, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Great Grandchildren; 5

Son; Melvin Briggs and wife Chris, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Grandchildren; Senecca Strickland and husband Brock, of Pryor, Oklahoma

Leo Nauman, of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Brankin Briggs, of Edmond, Oklahoma

Branson Briggs and wife Trista, of Talala, Oklahoma

Great Grandchildren; 5

Brothers; Jerry Briggs and wife Gicela, of Webster, New York

Richard Briggs and wife Penny, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Sister; Darleen Carey, of Shidler, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Ronald Lee Briggs.

Rosary Prayer service will be held 7:00 pm. Thursday, March 21, 2024, at St.

Therese Catholic Church in Collinsville. Funeral Mass will be held 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 2024, at St. Therese Catholic Church with Father Ernesto

Cavillo officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Mitchell Hudgens, Brankin

Briggs, Brock Strickland, Brankin Briggs, Leo Nauman, Branson Briggs, Brock

Strickland, and Martin Meek. Committal service and interment will follow at St.

Therese Catholic Cemetery in Collinsville. The family requests memorial

contributions be made in Gary's memory to the St. Therese Youth Group,

1007 North 19th Street, Collinsville, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and

services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Therese Catholic Church Cemetery

1007 113th E. Ave  
Collinsville, OK 74021

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Therese Catholic Church  
1007 North 113th East Avenue  
Collinsville, OK 74021

## Funeral Service

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Therese Catholic Church  
1007 North 113th East Avenue  
Collinsville, OK 74021

## Visitation

MAR 22 (CT)

St. Therese Youth Group  
1007 North 19th Street  
Collinsville, OK 74021



# Tribute Wall



“ Tom and Kellie Morris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Briggs.

Tom and Kellie Morris - March 22, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Briggs.



March 22, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ Michael and Brooklyn Rollings purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Wayne Briggs.



Michael and Brooklyn Rollings - March 21, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Jeremy and Dawn Briggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Briggs.

Jeremy and Dawn Briggs - March 21, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JB

“ *Jeremy and Dawn Briggs purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary Wayne Briggs.*



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**Jeremy and Dawn Briggs** - March 21, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Briggs.*



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March 21, 2024 at 12:31 PM

MJ

“ *My condolences to Melvin and all the family in the passing of Gary. Gary was my first supervisor when I hired on at PSO over 30 years ago and was a great leader. My family is praying for all of you. Mike Johnson*

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**Mike Johnson** - March 21, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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“ *All our love, Lisa & Jacob Tuttle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Briggs.*

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**All our love, Lisa & Jacob Tuttle** - March 20, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Briggs.*



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March 20, 2024 at 08:47 PM