



James Ronald "Ron" Barnett

February 24, 1950 - March 19, 2025

James Ronald (Ron) Barnett of Sperry, Oklahoma died peacefully on March 19, 2025 at his home. He was surrounded by his wife, Dianne Barnett; daughter, Brandi McQueen; and friend Belinda Peterson from Grapevine, Tx. Ron was born to James Junior Barnett and Doris Jeanette Black on February 24, 1950 in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Ron continued to live in Henryetta with a brief detour to the Dallas Texas area for a couple years when his parents divorced. He returned to the Henryetta area to live with his father and where he graduated from Henryetta High School on May 23, 1968.

Through his high school years Ron worked alongside his dad and uncles learning their building trades as a carpenter, plumber, electrician, and brick layer.

Ron began his professional career in 1969 as a glass cutter for the Pittsburg Plate Glass (PPG), Inc, company in Henryetta, He had moved up to Maintenance worker where he was eventually laid off in 1972 following the closing of the Henryetta facility.

On February 27, 1971 Ron married the love of his life, Dianne Tegtmeyer in a ceremony at the First Christian Church of Henryetta. On December 29, 1971 they welcomed their daughter, Brandi Lee, born in the Okmulgee, Oklahoma hospital.

On December 13, 2010, Brandi married her lifelong friend and high school sweetheart Johnathon McQueen and through this union Ron acquired four grandchildren (Randy, Audree, Kayla, and Johnathon Junior (JJ)). Though

these children were grown he cherished every moment he had with them. And on May 18, 2012 his heart soared with the birth of his biological granddaughter Averil Laine. She was Papaw's girl from the beginning. He taught her to fish in his pond and even taught her to shoot a bow.

Though Ron had a successful working career, and excelled at all he did, his great passion was bow hunting and writing about his experiences. In his own words "My happiest job was writing. Published in 21 different magazines. I spent 35 years writing a regular column called "Ron's Ramblings" for the National Bowhunter magazine. Field testing equipment, clothing, and even food.

For 10 years I was a contributing outdoor editor for the Oologah Lake Leader, again called Ron's Ramblings. Always living the good life."

Ron leaves behind his wife Dianne, daughter Brandi McQueen and husband Johnathon, and his grandchildren Randy, Audree, Kayla, JJ, and Averil, plus his 4 great-grands. His brother, Darrel Barnett of Schuler, Ok; Brothers-in-law Darrell Tegtmeyer, Cottageville, SC; and Ron Bean, Hays, Kansas; Sister-in-law, Donna Deason, Northlake, TX. Two uncles. John Barnett and wife Sondra, and Troy Barnett. A host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and many, many beloved friends.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at a future date.