

## Kirby Lynn Nickels



Kirby Lynn Nickels was born August 23, 1949, in Stillwater, Oklahoma to Mack and Lodiene (Kirby) Nickels (AKA Papa and Nanny). He graduated from Perkins-Tryon in 1967. Then on June 6, 1969, he married Rhonda Longan and to that union they were blessed with their son, Nate. In October of 1969 Kirby made the decision to join the United States Navy where he served as a Navy CB in Dong Tam, Vietnam. He received an honorable discharge in 1971.

Kirby was a cabinetmaker by trade. He worked most of his years for Phil Longan Construction. He later worked for Oklahoma State University where he met Mary Ellen Lore. They were married on August 12, 1988. After retirement Kirby devoted his time to serving at the Perkins VFW where

he was a Commander. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping with his grandchildren.

Kirby passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at his son's home.

Those left to celebrate his life include his children, Nate Nickels and wife Missy of Stillwater, OK., and Lora McAlister and husband C.A. of Glencoe, OK; grandchildren, Jordain Nickels, Alyssa Paine, J.T. Nickels, Ali Simon, Derek, Logan, Landon, Caleb, Hannah, Emma, and Gracie Jones. Gary and Summer Whiteman, Tyler, Carlie, Brenna, and Camber McAlister; brother, Jerald Nickels and wife Irene of Stillwater, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Mary Ellen Nickels.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Dighton-Marler Funeral Home from noon until 8PM. Graveside services will be at 10AM Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Glenwood Eden Chapel Cemetery in Perkins.

Kirby belonged to the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129, Stillwater, Oklahoma.