

JD Sample, resident of Shawnee, passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2026. He was 66 years old. JD was born on September 28, 1959 in Pittsburg, Kansas to Gerald Sample and Donna Beal.

McDonald's was known as JD's McDonald's during the years of 1985-1995. When he was short staffed he would rely on family to help. He and his family had many good times working there together in the 90's. He worked at Indaco Metals starting as a loader and moved up to the buyer in the late 90's to 2006. Then he worked for the City of Shawnee until he retired as the Lab Technician. JD was often the person they reached out to with questions about the system and he would tell them what he would do to fix it. After retirement, JD worked part-time for Walmart and within two months of his employment with Walmart he was the Associate of the month.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, papa, brother, and friend. Everyone knows how much he spoiled his KJ. He never met a stranger and could talk to anyone about anything. He loved his burgundy 1962 Impala, ZZ Top, and later in life, country music and his country rap.

JD will be missed deeply by his wife of 23 years, Karla; bonus mom, Doris; children, Jamey, Kenny and wife Kristy, Steven and wife Cissili, Stefani, Angel, Matt, Zach, and Harley; grandchildren, Samantha, Brice, Maddi, Ethan, Kenlee, Katee, Karter, Luna, Jada, Conner, Journey, Duncan, Olivar, Zeplin, and Ellowyn; great-grandchildren, Zayn, Able, Rylee and Kylar; brother, Jeff Beal; Aunt Leeta and husband Steve; three bonus sons, Justin, Jared and Chris; two bonus sisters, Addie & Faith; two bonus brothers, Quinton & Stacey; his dog, Russell; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

JD was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Beal and bonus dad, James Beal; father, Gerald Sample; brothers, Kenneth Sample and Michael Beal; and grandmas, Lawassa Harshaw-Jones and Audra Moore.



In Loving Memory Of

JD Sample

September 28, 1959

August 16, 2026

A Man Like You

*There are some men who speak in stories,
And some who speak in deeds,
Who carry love in quiet ways
And give what someone needs.
You may not always say the words
That others long to hear,
But somehow in your steady way,
Your heart is always clear.
You've been a strength in changing seasons,
A shelter through the rain,
A hand that helped, a voice that calmed,
A light through joy and pain.
The world may not always notice
The weight you've had to bear,
The sacrifices made in silence,
The love shown through your care.
But those who know your heart can see
The goodness you have grown,
The kindness in your character,
The love that you have shown.
So may you know how much you matter,
How deeply you are treasured too,
For life is better, warmer, brighter,
Because there's a man like you.*

JD Sample

Date of Birth

*September 28, 1959
Pittsburg, Kansas*

Entered Into Rest

*August 16, 2026
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Funeral Ceremony

*Saturday ~ August 22, 2026
One O'clock in the Afternoon
Sharon Baptist Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Clint Dawkins

Final Resting Place

*Johnson Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Casketbearers

<i>Jared Bedwell</i>	<i>Ian Smtih</i>
<i>Matthew McLaughlin</i>	<i>Brice Smith</i>
<i>Matt Hopper</i>	<i>Zach Sample</i>