

Steve McLaughlin was born May 1, 1952 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Chester and Edith McLaughlin. He departed this earthly life at the age of 72 years on July 26, 2024. Steve attended Shawnee Public Schools, graduated from Bethel High School, and attended Seminole State College. He started his law enforcement career for the City of Shawnee in January 1972 in Records and Dispatch. He served as a Patrolman, Sergeant, Detective, and Lieutenant and retired as Deputy Police Chief, after 24 years of service in December 1996. After retiring from the Shawnee Police Department, he was the Owner/Operator of Mac's Transportation for 7 years. He later drove a mobile MRI unit that serviced Oklahoma hospitals, but retired completely to take care of his newborn grandsons.

Steve married the love of his life, Melanie Taylor, on June 14, 1975 and was blessed with one daughter, Brandi Nicole. Steve's greatest joy was being with his two grandsons, Ethan and Zachary, attending all school and sporting events and operating Papa's "uber" service, taking them anywhere they needed to go on a daily basis, which included daily Sonic stops. He loved taking them to the range, teaching them to shoot and discussing politics.

Steve was an avid Fox News fan and shared his conservative views with everyone. He loved fishing, going to Branson, and going to coffee with his buddies, always solving the problems of the world.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Edith McLaughlin and brother, David McLaughlin. Steve is survived by his wife, Melanie of 49 years, daughter, Brandi Nowakowski, grandsons, Ethan James and Zachary Andrew Nowakowski, and nephew, Scott McLaughlin, all of Shawnee.

A special thanks to the doctors and ICU staff at St. Anthony Shawnee and St. Anthony OKC for the excellent and compassionate care given to Steve and the entire family. Also, a special thanks for Central Health Services for always taking care of all our needs for the last 10 years, we were never just a customer.



In Loving Memory of
Steve M. McLaughlin

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your heart, and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Date of Birth

*May 1, 1952
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Entered into Rest

*July 26, 2024
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Funeral Ceremony

*Saturday, August 3, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning
Walker Funeral Chapel
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Larry Sparks

Police Honors

Shawnee Police Department

Final Resting Place

*New Hope Cemetery
Tecumseh, Oklahoma*

Casketbearers

<i>Brian Taylor</i>	<i>Sonney Thorn-</i>
<i>Charles Taylor</i>	<i>burg</i>
<i>Don Taliaferro</i>	<i>Joe LaHue</i>
<i>Joe Sanchez</i>	<i>Greg Simpson</i>