



## Richard Donald Potts

December 31, 1948 - April 12, 2012

Richard “Rick” Donald Potts was born to Alton Jr. and Helen (Horn) Potts on December 31, 1948, in Nashville, Tennessee. He died after fighting heart disease, and all of its complications, at home, April 12, 2012, surrounded by his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and friend. While traveling cross-country, he stopped in Enid, met his wife, Becky Ann Winfield of Enid, and stayed in Oklahoma thereafter. In 1984, after an eventful twenty-some years as a carpenter in Tennessee, California, and Oklahoma, he attended Oklahoma State University, graduating (with honors) in 1988 with a B.S. in Microbiology and obtaining his master’s degree in Immunology in 1991. He worked as a laboratory manager, studying animal borne diseases for OSU College of Veterinary Medicine until his retirement. Rick was preceded in death by his parents and brother John Potts. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Becky (Winfield) Potts of Enid; their daughter Jamaica Potts Szeliga and her husband Keith Ryan Szeliga, of Great Falls, Virginia; brother Jim Potts of Columbia, Tennessee; sister Deborah (Potts) Powell of Estill Springs, Tennessee; his children by former marriages, Kellie Potts, Steven Potts, and Stacey Boyd of the Nashville area, and son Jason Harris of Oklahoma City; six grandchildren; and one future great-grandchild. He is also survived by his two beloved black cats, Jack and Katie. At his request, there will be no service. Rick accomplished his dreams, cramming three lifetimes into one. He was a master of carpentry. His furniture will be passed down for generations. He was a scientist and eternal student. His pursuit of knowledge proved that

education was one of the most important gifts you could give yourself. He was a gentle and supportive father, and a kind and loving husband. His love for his family will never be forgotten. We will always love you. "Til we meet again..."