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Roger Dale Kerstein, 74, of Breckinridge, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Roger was born November 16, 1950, in Yuba City, California, to Robert Kerstein and Ruth Woods. He grew up primarily in California, working various jobs from a young age to help his mother provide for the family. Roger was a gifted athlete who excelled in all sports, especially track and field.

In 1969, Roger enlisted in the United States Army. While stationed in Germany, he received his draft notice and returned stateside before being deployed to Vietnam. He proudly served as an E-5 Buck Sergeant until his honorable discharge in 1972.

Following his military service, Roger returned to California, loaded everything he owned—including his faithful dog, Penny—into his station wagon, and headed to Oklahoma to begin a new chapter. He started his career with Fairchild Oilfield Service and later joined Shebester-Bechtel in Blackwell, Oklahoma, where he began as a rig hand and worked his way up to operator through dedication and hard work.

On October 2, 1981, Roger married the love of his life, Virginia, with whom he shared 45 wonderful years together and celebrated 44 years of marriage this year. In 1987, they moved their family to Garber, Oklahoma, where Roger

began working for Wilcoxon and mastered the art of running downhole production tools on workover rigs. With the encouragement of his peers, Roger took a leap of faith and founded R&M Packer, Inc. in 1996. He poured his heart into building a business he was proud of—often putting in long hours to provide for his family.

Roger retired in 2015, settling at the lake with Virginia. Together, they enjoyed life to the fullest—spending time on their houseboat, fishing, traveling, and cherishing moments with their grandchildren. Their adventures took them to Alaska, Mexico, and across Europe, creating memories they would treasure forever.

Roger will be remembered as a hardworking man who took pride in everything he did, a devoted husband and father, and a loving grandfather who adored his family above all else.

“The Legend has Retired”

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruth; his son, Christopher Kerstein; and his brother, Lee Schwartz.

Roger is survived by his wife, Virginia Kerstein of the home; children Stephanie Fox of Blackwell, OK, Crystal Kerstein of Wichita Falls, TX, Michael Kerstein of Garber, OK, Brandon (Terri) Kerstein of Blackwell, OK, Mindy (Aaron) Bridgeman of Breckinridge, OK, Jeremy (Cory) Kerstein of Broken Arrow, OK, and Raymond (Mikki) Kerstein of Enid, OK. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends who loved him dearly.

Funeral service will be Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 2:00 pm in Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Justin White officiating. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday evening 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Private family burial will be at a later date in the Garber Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Garber Cemetery

Garber, OK

Previous Events

Visitation with Family & Friends

OCT **29**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
3002 N Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
(580) 233-2700
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<https://www.andersonburriss.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel
3002 N. Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.*



October 30, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *Patricia L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Kerstein.*

Patricia L. - October 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Patricia L. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.*



Patricia L. - October 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Sandy Norris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Kerstein.*

Sandy Norris - October 28, 2025 at 08:20 PM

SN

“ Sandy Norris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.



Sandy Norris - October 28, 2025 at 08:20 PM

AF

“ ASAOK Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Kerstein.

ASAOK Family - October 28, 2025 at 03:48 PM

AF

“ ASAOK Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.



ASAOK Family - October 28, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ Jamie, Dare, & Emmy Sparks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Kerstein.

Jamie, Dare, & Emmy Sparks - October 28, 2025 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ *Jamie, Dare, & Emmy Sparks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.*



Jamie, Dare, & Emmy Sparks - October 28, 2025 at 10:47 AM

YT

“ *Your Insight Teammates purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.*



Your Insight Teammates - October 28, 2025 at 09:37 AM

LW

“ *R.I.P. Roger! I only had the privilege of knowing you a short time but you were a good friend as well as a great neighbor. You will be missed 😭.*

Laura Watkins - October 27, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MS

“ *Roger was truly one of a kind! He had a look that would make even the mouthiest child sit up straight, but a heart as big as the sky! He was mischievous, and yet one of the funniest men I've ever known. He was full of knowledge and stories of his past. He was an awesome dad to all of his kids and a loving husband and grandpa. He will definitely be missed! My love to the family.*

Misty Stafford - October 27, 2025 at 08:54 PM

LL

“ Mr K.... You was so nice as I was growing up as a teenager! You all were the best neighbors! I just can remember you and Mrs... being very busy as a family but always with a smile and big wave!

LaDella Lyon - October 27, 2025 at 06:31 PM

JT

“ James & Mike Tapp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.



James & Mike Tapp - October 27, 2025 at 05:53 PM

LW

“ R.I.P. MY FRIND YOUR ALREADY MISSED

Lynn watkins - October 27, 2025 at 05:17 PM

AS

“ Adam and Melanie Steinert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Kerstein.

Adam and Melanie Steinert - October 27, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Dale Kerstein.



October 27, 2025 at 05:14 PM