



## Teddy Paul Shepard

October 28, 1945 - October 21, 2024

Funeral service for Ted Shepard will be Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM at North Garland Road Church of Christ with Gordon Jantz officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ted was born on October 28, 1945, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to Dewey and Freda (Browning) Shepard and passed away October 21, 2024, at his home in Enid with his family by his side.

He grew up in Marshall and graduated from Marshall High School. On December 4, 1987, Ted married Darlene Settlemires in Enid, where they made their home. He was the owner of Shepard Fabrication and Powder Coating, owner and operator of Airport Speedway, promoter of Enid Speedway and a legendary race car driver. Ted was a habitual entrepreneur. He attended Chisholm Trail Cowboy Church for many years.

Ted was preceded in death by his grandson, Kyle Shepard; parents, Dewey and Freda; brothers, Bob, Herb, Francis, Joe, and infant brother, Clifford.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; children, Kelvin (Tracy) Shepard, Angie (Shawn) Hughes and Amy (Chris) Spinelli and Kelley Shepard; six grandchildren, Kyle, Emme (EJ), Luke, Simon, Leigh and Sasha; brother and

his wife, Jim and Maxine Shepard; sister and husband, Susie and Gary Smith; nieces, nephews, and many friends he loved like family.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burris to North Garland Church of Christ Pantry Fund. Darlene would appreciate it if you would share memories or stories to be shared at the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr  
Enid, OK 73701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

North Garland Church of Christ  
703 North Garland Road  
Enid, OK 73703

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I went to school in marshal ok with Ted we always raced to the drip pit after school and it always made him mad if i got there first and back to town to the drug store for cherry coke he was a good person  
Dan Myers

Dan Myers - February 20, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JA

“ My favorite driver. We went to every track he raced at to watch him during the NCRA Late Model days. He was always so kind. Such a huge heart. And definitely the “eye candy” of dirt track racing.  
#12  
I'm for Ted  
BrandX

Janet - October 24, 2024 at 11:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.



October 24, 2024 at 01:00 PM

FF

“ From Your North Garland Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Paul Shepard.

From Your North Garland Family - October 24, 2024 at 10:50 AM

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“ *From Your North Garland Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.*



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**From Your North Garland Family** - October 24, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RS

“ *Ryland and Jan Stonehocker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.*



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**Ryland and Jan Stonehocker** - October 24, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ *I grew up around ted and his family he was my number one racer . I called him my uncle that's how close my family was to his I'm so sorry for your all loss he will be missed .*

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**Debbie Damron** - October 23, 2024 at 05:00 PM



*So the boys will know I was burchardt back then*

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**Debbie Damron** - October 23, 2024 at 05:01 PM

BR

“ Buddy Rogers purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.



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**Buddy Rogers** - October 23, 2024 at 11:22 AM

BR

“ Buddy Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Paul Shepard.

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**Buddy Rogers** - October 23, 2024 at 11:22 AM

CF

“ Chris Freeman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.



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**Chris Freeman** - October 23, 2024 at 11:02 AM

TC

“ What a special man. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ted all my life. My dad "Buck" and Ted were friends. We grew up at the speedway. I always enjoyed talking with him. Prayers to the family.

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**Tammy Callaway** - October 23, 2024 at 09:50 AM

NB

“ Nancy Brown lit a candle in memory of Teddy Paul Shepard



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**Nancy Brown** - October 23, 2024 at 05:27 AM

ML

“ Ted was one of the most talented people I have ever known. More than that, Ted was a compassionate Te and loyal friend to many, many people. When Linwood Paul, a mutual friend, developed macular degeneration and could no longer drive, Ted and Darlene took the time to drive Linwood and Mrs. Paul on vacations in their motor home.

Ted was always welcoming and helpful, E.J. You had a great fan and mentor in Ted.”

-Howard Lefler

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**Michael Lefler** - October 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM

LB

“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the Shepard family at this sad time. Theordore, you were a very special friend to Bud and I, you will be missed. God Bless



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**Lana Bryant** - October 22, 2024 at 08:11 PM

ML

“*Ted was first and last a good friend." I asked my father, Howard Lefler to share a memory of Ted and this is all he said but it speaks with a great weight. He was such an outstanding pillar to many different people in this community and an innovator for several different industries. The world is a better place for knowing him*

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**Michael Lefler** - October 22, 2024 at 08:08 PM

GW

“ I met Ted in 1972 at a local speed shop. I immediately liked him and his brother Herb. They seemed to be inseparable. They had just started racing a dirt car and came to the speed shop for takeoff used tires for their racer. Over the next 52 years, Ted became like family to me. Our paths constantly crossed because of our mutual love of dirt racing. He was a class-A fabricator and always willing to help anyone with an issue in their race car. He's the best gas welder I've ever seen and he could repair anything. No matter who you were he would help you and go out of his way to make you feel comfortable. He seldom charged racers for the repairs he helped with in his shop, he was just that kind of a man. If you were his friend he would help you in any way he could. He had numerous friends because of the type of man he was. He was easy to meet and always open to new ideas and relationships. He was a skilled Dirt Late Model driver. In his heyday, he won numerous races across Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. His rapport with the other drivers was universal and he was known as a clean race driver. He helped so many in the racing world with setup tips, welding repairs, driving advice, and pointers. Besides his racing career, he was a multi-faceted business entrepreneur and was involved in several ventures. He also promoted race tracks In Enid at the fairgrounds and Airport. After he retired a group of us would gather weekly at his race shop and just shoot the bull and solve world problems and just have a good time. The stories were tall and the companionship was strong. Sarcasm was thick as was the occasional gouge. Once in a while, we would work on a project at the race shop, depending on who needed help. We often worked on EJ's racer and always drank a lot of coffee. I sure will miss those days at the shop with Ted, Ray, Robert, Buddy, Rick, Floyd, Larry, Buckwheat, Harold, and many others. Ted was first and foremost a family man. He loved Darlene dearly and his daughters and sons and grandchildren. His friendship with so many tells the kind of man he was. He leaves a legacy of kindness, friendship, fortitude and perseverance. He was truly a good human!

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Gary Whiteaker - October 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM

SF

“ Stephen & Megan McCammon, and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Teddy Paul Shepard.



Stephen & Megan McCammon, and family - October 22, 2024  
at 07:50 PM

JP

“ I've known Ted for a long time. I remember my parents taking me to Enid Speedway when I was like 6 or 7 (I'm 51 now) to watch Ted race. I loved watching that green & yellow "Brand X" car always winning the race! He was awesome, both on the race track and off. Great man, even off the track. Ted, you will be missed, brother!

Justin Pool - October 22, 2024 at 07:13 PM

VG

Ted was awesome race car driver and good friend! He will be missed by many!

van gemmill - October 23, 2024 at 08:03 AM

JH

“ The first time I meet your Papa, he was so kind and was so excited for Emme and her business. He was truly a proud Papa. I'm so thankful I was able to meet him. 🙏

Jody Harris - October 22, 2024 at 07:03 PM

TT

“ Lots of great memories of the Shepard's. They were good to my Dad V.O. Bostick and always welcomed anyone into their home. I know at one time we had the best milk cow ever that we kept there at the place just down the street from our old school. RIP and say hello to all our family and friends. Teresa Sarah (Bostick) Tyler.  
Daughter of V.O. & Roberta Bostick

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**Teresa (Sarah) Tyler** - October 22, 2024 at 06:54 PM

AH

“ I started working for Emme at the beginning of this year. Not knowing what it's like in the real word Emme was there to show me the ropes with Ted by her side. I did not call Ted by his name I called him papa. Papa always treated me like I was one of his own, he was always there to help me with whatever I was doing as much as he could or just there to sit and talk to. From hearing all of his crazy stories like to how he lost his finger papa always made my day. If it was just from seeing him for five minutes to the rest of my work day papa always put a smile on my face. One time we had to take the dump trailer to the dump and I had to drive. Now not knowing we were supposed to put a tarp on top of all the trash papa goes “ if we get pulled over for the trash flying out in telling the cops it's your fault because I can't see”. Some of my favorite moments with papa was just talking to him. I would always tell him how I was to be a welding inspector when I grow up. He would look at me and go “ they ain't gonna like you because your a woman and they definitely won't like you as an inspector!!!!” My favorite thing is when Emme and I would get a crazy idea and think we can do anything in the world and papa wouldn't believe us for one bit. He would always say something along the lines that we think we can do anything till we actually have no clue what we are doing. To helping papa change the channel on the tv to the game he wanted or learning a thing or two, Papa will always have a special place in my heart. Papa has always had some crazy saying but my favorite one is this. “If you can't feed them with bliss, feed them full of bullshit!!!!” Rest easy papa, love you lots

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Ashley Hedges - October 22, 2024 at 06:39 PM