



Dick Alan Glaze

August 17, 1951 - January 2, 2019

Joplin- Dick A. Glaze, age 67, passed away on January 2nd at his residence.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Wanda Glaze, a daughter Amanda Glaze of Claremore, OK, a daughter Monika Sherman, Des Moines, a brother USAF Ret Col Harry A. Glaze and wife Sue of Nokomis, FL, and a sister-in-law Phyllis Glaze, N. Little Rock, AR.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Mamie Glaze, his brother Justice Tom Glaze, N. Little Rock, AR, and a brother Larry Glaze, Joplin.

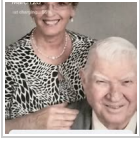
Dick attended Parkwood High School, Joplin, and Conway State Teachers College, Conway, AR. Dick was an athlete excelling at baseball, basketball, and football.

Dick started and operated several small businesses and was a truck owner-operator for over 40-years in the industry that he loved.

We miss you and we will love you forever, Dick.

Arrangements are by Midland cremation society.

Tribute Wall



“ even though i did not meet Dick until june of last year, he left such an impression on me. I am forever gratefull that i have met Dick. And to you wanda i have met a wonderful friend. Anna

Anna Hicks - January 08, 2019 at 03:42 PM

“ In his early twenties, Dick bought his first semi truck out of a salvage yard and rebuilt it. He had it painted midnight blue with metal flake in it. It was beautiful. He rebuilt the engine and it outran every other truck to the top of the hill.

Dick loved trucking with a passion. He taught his younger brother Larry to drive and during the Viet Nam War, they ran ammo and explosives from Alabama to the east coast ports.

Dick built and operated a truck wash and lube business that operated 24/hrs day, washing trucks and trailers and doing preventative maintenance on trucks. His company did all the overflow oil change work for MCI and Monkem trucking companies as well as drive in business.

Dick loved to work more than anything else. When his wife became a licensed bail bonds writer, Dick jumped into bounty hunting, recovering runners who evaded the courts. He also solved a murder case for the Joplin City Police, then traced and found the killer in Arkansas and brought him back to Jasper County Jail.

Later Dick taught his wife Wanda to drive a truck and they drove as a team for over 25 years, hauling produce from California to several east coast locations, Hunts Point Market in the Bronx, NY, to the Boston City Market, and to the Philadelphia City Market and sometimes to grocery warehouses. Once the trailer was empty, they would find a load of general freight in NY or NJ and head back to California, to complete a round each week. During that time the small trucking company grew to 18 trucks with about 40-full time employees.

Dick never took a day off nor a vacation because all he wanted to do was work. When he was at home he was making repairs or doing preventative maintenance to his truck. He rebuilt the engine, transmission, and put a new floor in the trailer. He often would stop on the side of the road, grab his gloves and tools, and help fix the

engine issues on other drivers trucks. He always carried tools and spare truck parts. One example was a time near Amarillo, TX, when he replaced a broken turbo on the side of the road in 120-degree heat in less than an hour and the truck went on its way.

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“ *WANDA GLAZE lit a candle in memory of Dick Alan Glaze*



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“ *Dick Glaze attended Parkwood High School and Conway State Teachers College. He was an athlete and excelled at all sports.*

He started and operated several small businesses and was a truck owner-operator for over 40 years, in the industry that he loved.

He could overhaul any kind of engine and transmission. As a young man he bought a salvage semi truck and rebuilt it and this first truck began his life-long passion for trucking.

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