



Robert Earl Downing

October 12, 1945 - March 22, 2020

Robert Earl Downing, 74 years old resident of Lowell, Arkansas, died March 22, 2020 at Arkansas Veterans Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born on October 12, 1945 in Claremore, Oklahoma, to Joseph and Mary Downing. Robert grew up in Oaks, Oklahoma and graduated from Oaks High School.

He was a Decorated Combat Veteran of the Vietnam War. Robert returned from Vietnam and was married to Louanna Russell-Downing until 1993. This union is survived by daughter, Jacqueline Downing-Deitz of Edmond, Oklahoma; son, Robert Gene Downing of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother, Jimmy Grass of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sister, Hattie Fields of Oaks, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Alexis, Amber, Makayla, Canaan, Benjamin, Crystal, and Andrew; and 3 great-grandchildren, Elijah, Lucian, and Nathanael.

Robert was a skilled welder by occupation, and an enthusiast self-taught carpenter. He loved wood working and making beautiful furniture from fallen or abandoned barns and metal scraps he found around Cherokee County. Also survived is Robert's current wife, Barbara, of Lowell, Arkansas.

Services will be private. Burial will be at Oaks Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest between his Mother and Brother.

Cemetery Details

Oaks Cemetery

Tahlequah, OK 74464

Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember the first time I heard Robert pray in church. It was the sweetest prayer I have ever heard! May he Rest In Peace. My love to your wonderful family. Sue Hay*

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