

## Obituary for Jackie Gene Brown

Jackie Gene Brown (73) of Holdenville, OK passed away surrounded by his family on January 8, 2017. He graduated from Moss High School in 1961 and immediately went to work for OG&E while playing on their baseball team. He then signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1962 as a catcher, but never caught a single ballgame. He went on to play 40 years in Professional Baseball as a pitcher/pitching coach playing for such teams as The Washington Senators, Texas Rangers, Montreal Expos, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and various minor league teams including the Pittsburgh Pirates over the years. He was a small town boy with a faith in his curve-ball. He retired from baseball in 2002 and came home to be with his family whom he loved so much.

Jackie was married to Jan "Susie" Ramsey of Atwood for 45 years. He had three children: Brandon Brown of Wyandotte, OK married to Vicky Carter, Tamn Harrington of Holdenville, OK married to Nathan Harrington, and Jade Benson of McAlester, OK married to Kelley Benson. Nine grandchildren: Johnathan Harrington, of Holdenville, OK married to Courtney Harrington, Grace Harrington and Hannah Harrington, Wade Brown, Brooke Brown, and Dace Brown, Olivia Benson, Sage Benson, and Toby Benson. He was born to Paul Rainwater Brown and Juanita Stringfellow of Holdenville, OK and was one of eight. His brothers were Paul Dwayne "PD" Brown of Holdenville, OK married to Gloria, Jimmy Don Brown of Holdenville married to Gail, Billy Brown of Holdenville married to Susan, Randy Brown of Holdenville married to Linda, Mark Brown of Holdenville married to Deena, and two sisters Jody Pryor and Raynita Lee of Holdenville married to Robbie, sisters-in-law Jimmie Nel Turpin of Gerty married to Ralph, Judy Cain of Anadarko married to Gene, as well as a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his dad, father and mother-in-law Harold and Esther (Eaves) Ramsey.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Holdenville. Keith Warren will officiate. Pallbearers are his nephews: Daren Brown, Trey Don Brown, Billy Paul Brown, Ryan Brown, Robert Brown, Aaron Brown, Greg Turpin, and Marty Cain. Honorary Bearers are his friends: Donnie Hardwick, Gerald Roberts, Rich Billings, Carlos Ledezma, Bill Ziglar, and Gary Shields. Services are under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home in Holdenville.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Nora Home 8300 El Rio, Houston, TX 77054 which helps support transplant patients and their families or to your favorite charity.

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