
ROBERT LAVENDER(1964 - 2015)

Lavender, Jr. Aug. 23, 1964 - May 24, 2015 **EDMOND** Memorial services for Robert Keith Lavender, Jr., 50, will be held on Saturday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m. at Vondel L. Smith & Son Funeral Home, 13125 N. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City. Mr. Lavender died on Sunday, May 24, in Lawton. Baine Brooks, of Allen, Texas, will preside over the celebration of Mr. Lavender's life. Robert was born on August 23rd, 1964, in Lawton, Oklahoma to Keith and Nancy Lavender. He attended the Lawton Public Schools, graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1983. While at Ike, Robert was an outstanding athlete in baseball, basketball, and football, where he earned All-State honors his senior year. Upon graduation he attended Connors State Junior College on a baseball scholarship earning his Associate's Degree in 1985. He was awarded a baseball scholarship to the University of Oklahoma that spring and became a starting player for the Sooner Baseball Team from 1985 to 1987. After playing Minor League Baseball for the Texas Rangers from 1987 through 1989, he returned to the University of Oklahoma, acquiring his Bachelor's Degree in 1991. He married Tracianne George in February of 1989. From this marriage two children were born, Courtney Anne and Robert Keith "Trey" Lavender, III. For most of his professional life, Robert was a part of the food industry. He managed the Interurban Rest-aurant in Norman, Oklahoma for over ten years then became an account executive for various food service corporations. He returned to Lawton in the fall of 2014 to help with his father's business, All-Pro Roofing. His father preceded him in death. Robert is survived by his daughter, Courtney, and son, Trey, of Edmond; his brother, Jeff, of Oklahoma City; his mother, Nancy Lavender, and her husband, Bob Brown, of Lawton; as well as many other relatives, friends, associates, and former team mates who value deeply the all too brief time he was a part of their lives. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made in his daughter Courtney's name to [The Make-A-Wish Foundation](#) or Children's' Miracle Network, two charities she is very involved in at the University of Oklahoma.

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