

Rackley, Euell 'Gale' 1950-2022

By ops@our-hometown.com | Published on December 28, 2022 Chico ~ Euell "Gale" Rackley, 72, of Chico, went to be with our Lord Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, in Decatur.

Funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport. Burial will follow at the Chico Cemetery. Pallbearers include Cody Barlow, Jared Steinkamp, Brian Williams, Trey Watts, Mikel Watts, Rick O'Dell, Joe Campbell, James Kittrell, Joe Jackson and John Brooks. Honorary Pallbearers are Tyler Rackley, Chad Rackley, Stephen Privitt, Ross Privitt, Sean Watts and Shane Rackley.

Gale was born on July 27, 1950, to Odis Euell Rackley and Elsie Monroe Rackley in Burneyville, Okla. He proudly served his country, joining the Army shortly after graduating high school in 1969. He retired in 2010 as an E8 First Sergeant. Gale was also a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Shriner and Mason.

Gale's pride and joy was his title of Papa to 12 grandchildren and one great-

grandson.

Spoiling them and spending time with them meant so much to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Odis Euell Rackley and Elise Virginia Sampler; his son, Chad Rackley; and his son-in-law, Eric Branch.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his daughter, Lizzy Tizzy "Elizabeth" Watts Branch of Joshua; his son, Scott E. Rackley and wife, Melissa, of Andover, Kan.; his daughter, Cassie "Lou" Privitt and husband, Daniel, "Big D" of Benbrook; his daughter-in-law, Lorenda Rackley; his grandchildren, Trey, Sean and Mikel Watts, Reaghan, Emma, Ashleigh, Shane, Erin, Chad and Tyler Rackley, Stephen and Ross Privitt; his great-grandchild, Braxton Lee Watts; his brother, Phil Rackley of Oklahoma; his sister, Renee Barlow of Decatur; numerous extended family members and a host of friends.

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