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Born April 12, 1959 on a farm in Leavenworth, Kansas, Samuel Harry Reece was born the son of Sam and Harriett (Cavanagh) Reece. At an early age, Sam's mother passed away and his older sister, Lavonia, helped raise him. The Reece family had many relatives in Muskogee, allowing Sam and Lavonia to spend much time traveling between there and Leavenworth. Unfortunately, as a young adult, Sam would experience another loss with the death of his father. Sam was very self-reliant and a personality that was larger than life. These traits allowed him to have great radio personality. Sam Tyler could be heard on KVOO and at The Roundhouse of Muskogee. Eventually, Sam would gain employment at Arctic Kitchen Equipment and Supply in 2003. Described as warm, energetic and approachable, it was no surprise he earned the title as lead salesman. Sam felt like he was more than an employee, he was foremost a friend to the Crawl family. Friday was always a day the employees looked forward to, not just because of the weekend. Linda provided lunch for her employees, which allowed fellowship with one another. This often resulted in eagerly awaiting to hear one of Sam's crazy and funny stories. Always looking for an opportunity to help others, Sam had a desire to offer a hand up for those who needed a second chance. He was a lover of people; never judging and made friends with everyone. He had a great sense of humor and loved making others squirm when he had the chance. Being a dad was Sam's greatest accomplishments. He was incredibly proud of his children, Richard and Diana. He would often say, "I don't know how I got so lucky to be a part of something so great!" From childhood magic shows to long trips up the Talimena Drive, Sam's children have wonderful memories they will forever cherish. Technology is something Sam was passionate about. He was very creative and could bring possibilities to life. Sam was always taking pictures and producing videos in his green screen room, mostly of his family. Sam married



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Debbie Satterberg in October of 1993. Debbie was working for a clock company and Sam was a customer who frequently called to order parts. The two enjoyed chatting via the phone and eventually decided to meet. They hit it off and their connection only grew stronger. Ultimately, Debbie moved from Wisconsin and she and Sam made their home in Broken Arrow. Together, they enjoyed gardening, and taking care of their pets: Bella, Hannah and Kitty Perry. Mostly, they looked forward to their nightly game of Farkle. Sam passed away July 21, 2019. This husband, father and friend will be greatly missed. Those he leaves to cherish his memory are: wife, Debbie Reece; and children, Richard Reece and Diana Reece. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. His love for people continues with the gift of organ donations. Services to honor and celebrate the life of Sam Reece will be 11:00 am Friday, July 26, 2019 at RiverCrest Chapel. The family will greet friends from 6-8:00 pm on Thursday, also at RiverCrest. Visitation RiverCrest 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Service RiverCrest 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 11:00 AM

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Mitch Gray posted:

I'm Mitch Gray And Sam Reece Ruined My Life Let me explain. I met Sam in 1979. For the next decade or so, we were inseparable. We saw each other nearly every day. And nearly everytime we got together, something we said in our conversations, or something we did, made us laugh. And I mean laughing until we cried. The years went by and as we both went about our lives, our interactions began to wane as we grew older and drifted apart due to family and work obligations. Our conversations and the laughter became less frequent. I always thought that laughter would never end. It was intoxicating. Like a drug. I had to face an awful truth. That laughter would never again be what it was. I was ruined. I had become a Sam-A-Holic. But I wasn't the only one. You see, Sam Reece wasn't just my good friend, he was everyone's good friend.

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