



## Ralph DeWayne Kitchen

October 5, 1968 - May 29, 2019

Ralph "DeWayne" Kitchen was born 10/5/1968 in Moberly, MO to Ralph Lee Kitchen and Ethelyn Grant Kitchen. He lived and went to school in Moberly but decided he wanted more.

He moved to Wichita, KS in 1989 and remained there until his passing. He had 2 beautiful girls Erica Lee, and Tasha Lynnette with his first wife Virginia who ended up moving back to Moberly a short time later.

He then met Darra Ann. She had 3 boys Curtis William, Patrick Adam and Brandon DeWayne Michael and 1 daughter Ariel Evelyn, that passed at 6 days. He later adopted them all and made them his own. He called Darra the love of his life, married her December 15, 1996 and was sealed to her for all time and eternity December 15, 2007.

He held only a few positions in his short lifetime of only 50 years. He worked at Continental Fiberglass up until the early 2000's.

His last position was at Spirit Aero Systems. He was a union man through and through. He loved everything it stood for. He loved his union brothers and sisters.

Many looked up to and aspired to be like DeWayne. He had a heart of gold and would take care of anyone that needed it. He became a strong member of Narcotics Anonymous November 27, 2000. He was active in the fellowship and worked side by side with others to help others anyway he could. He lived

the 11th step. "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with a God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of his will and the power to carry that out."

He was also active in his community and sat on the District Advisory Board for Wichita, Ks and became great friends with the neighborhood officers.

While in the hospital these last five months before his passing, on his really good days, he would have Darra play music you can dance to and have the nurses come in and jam with them. He always was the one that tried to be positive in bad situations.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Ethelyn Kitchen; daughter, Ariel Eveylyn; brother, Jack Kitchen and sister, Renee Rice.

He survived by wife Darra Kitchen; children, Curtis Kitchen and his wife Heather Kitchen of Wichita, KS and their 3 children, Erica Yowell and her husband Jason Yowell and their 2 1/2 children of Winfield, MO, Patrick Kitchen and his 4 children of Wichita, KS, Tasha Anderson and Jeremiah Anderson of St. Louis and the 2 1/2, and Brandon Kitchen of Wichita, KS. Sister Robin Kitchen-Lorton of Higby, Mo, Susan Gulley of Huntsville, MO, Steven Wayne Barger of Maryville, Danny and his wife Anna Perkins of Port of New Orleans, Debbie of Higbee, MO, and Judy Robinson of Independence, MO.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00pm, Sunday, June 9, 2019 at th Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, 2300 Buckner, Derby, KS 67037.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 9. 5:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints  
2300 Buckner  
Derby, Kansas 67037

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Avadawn Kitchen** - November 04, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *pepaw*



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**Avadawn Kitchen** - November 03, 2020 at 04:17 PM

AK

“ *Ralph DeWayne Kitchen is my pepaw and he was so funny. My Memaw tells us stories like when he was scared of spiders and he yelled at the top of his lungs and kept saying it's going to kill me was so funny I was crying laughing because it was so funny! And I am going to miss you so much and your funny stories.*

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**Avadawn Kitchen** - November 03, 2020 at 04:03 PM

AK

“ *Ralph DeWayne Kitchen pepaw and he was so funny and my pepaw keeps telling me funny stories that make me cry laugh because they were so funny, one story was when he was in the bathroom and there was a big spider and he yelled on the top of his lungs saying it's going to kill me it was so funny!* ”



Avadawn Kitchen - November 03, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ *My daddy loved with all his heart. He was honest and always there to support you even if he didn't agree with your actions. He was the most selfless man I know and my biggest cheerleader. I love and miss you my daddy bear. ♡* ”

Erica Yowell - June 06, 2019 at 02:50 AM

JR

“ *James R. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ralph DeWayne Kitchen.* ”



James R. - June 05, 2019 at 04:14 PM

HE

“ *Hes the greatest father in law i coulve ever hoped for!! He loved his family more than anything in the world!! Love you dad!!! Miss you so much!!!* ”

Heather - June 05, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ I remember growing up hanging out at the house he would always help get me to hang out longer so I didn't have to go back home because I was so unhappy there. It's been a BIG blessing to know Dewayne most of my life! I also remember when me and Patrick went walking thru the creek and noone knew where we was at and dewyane found us BOY was he mad but he didn't stay mad to long because he was such a big teddy bear! I wish I got to spend more time with him over these past few years but I'm so thankful that the girls got more of the time! I love you all!

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**Emmy Fogle** - June 05, 2019 at 12:25 PM



Dewayne was such an amazing man..He is going to be greatly missed..I know we hadn't spoken in a while but Darra please know you and Dewayne are greatly loved... And Im sorry I cant be at the service in person but I will be there in thought..LOVE YOU BOTH ..R.I.P DEWAYNE

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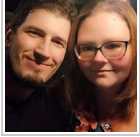
**Stephanie Cherry** - June 09, 2019 at 02:56 PM

TM

“ I cannot begin to tell the family how sorry i am for the loss of this incredibly loving and caring man.he has been such an inspiration to me through our many years of our sponsorship relationship.the stories are too numerous to list,but I loved him very much.to say we were family would be an understatement.i will forever remember the times we shared.much love and respect...sincerely,tom medlin

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**Thomas Medlin** - June 05, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ My daddy was a great man though we bumped heads because we both are strong willed. He would sing to us when we were around and when i was a teenager he took me to my memaws by himself so that we had time alone he put tyat same song on (I swear by all for one a 90s song) anf sang it to me. When i left the hospital before his passing that song came on multiple times with Pandora which freaked me out but i kew he was there with me. I love you so much daddy. Your grandbabies love you and miss you so much as well!  
Your our shining star!

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**Tasha Anderson** - June 05, 2019 at 12:00 PM