

## David Daniel Fine



David Daniel Fine, 62, of Yukon, Oklahoma, passed away unexpectedly on December 27, 2009. He was born July 7, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Henry and Ray Ritchey Fine. Dan graduated from McGuinness High School in 1965 and went to college at the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated in 1969. Dan was a member of the Army National Guard. After college, Dan joined his father in the family business and helped run Lieberman Produce until it closed in 1992. Dan was on the Oklahoma City Council from 1990-1992. In 1994 Dan became employed with the City of Yukon, Oklahoma, where he served as the Code Enforcement Officer until his death. In 1993 Dan and Martha Hollifield were married. They settled in Yukon and started their own horse boarding business, Cimarron Equine Station. Dan was a loyal husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ray in 1998. Dan is survived by his wife of 16 years, Martha Fine of the home, daughter Lauren Fine of Oklahoma City, son Ian Fine of Yukon, Oklahoma, step-children Rene' Chadwell of Washington, D.C., Tracy Cox of Oklahoma City, Chris Olds and his wife Amanda of Newalla, Oklahoma, David Hollifield and his wife Amber of Newalla, Oklahoma, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Dan had numerous other family members and a lifetime of friends. A room will be set up at Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, later in the week where those who would like can visit and sign a book of memoriam. A memorial service is being planned in approximately 3 weeks to celebrate Dan's life and love.

Every spring upon my arrival at the OCEA conference, there was always a large gentleman wearing pointed cowboy boots, sporting a nice Stetson, standing out in the crowd with a big smile, shaking hands with all who passed by him. His name was Dan Fine, and I always greeting him as "Fine Dan"....and as I got to know him a bit, he really was a "Fine Dan". Dan seemed to know alot about alot of things, especially code enforcement, and he was unselfish in passing his knowledge along to others, especially to a "greenhorn" like me. He was one of my instructors when I received my certification.....his classes were never boring, and the wisdom he passed along was always appreciated. He gave it for free you know, because that was the kind of guy he was as I later came to recognize. One of the wisest statements that I will someday take to my grave came from "Fine Dan". It went something like this: "Ask yourself if this is the hill you're willing to die on!" Well, I guess Dan finally discovered that hill. In fact, there is an old song that will now always remind me of Dan...It speaks of a "mansion....just over the hill top". As a man who knew a lot about a lot of things, I believe Dan is in awe of the glorious buildings, streets, and architecture that now surround him. I'm happy for him, but I'll miss that ol' gentleman with the big smile and pointed boots (and nose) when we all get together. In the future, let's not forget Dan's legacy...that is having the heart of a servant...that's what stood out to me in making Dan Fine such a "Fine Dan".

With profound respect,  
Glen Fox  
Building/Code Official  
City of Bristow

"Dan Fine was highly respected in the code enforcement profession in Oklahoma. His service to the City of Yukon and to the Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association will certainly be missed," said OCEA President Emeritus Andy Templeton. "Dan was greatly involved for many years in the training of new code officers across the state, and his personality and demeanor helped to extend his knowledge of the code enforcement profession to others far beyond the walls of the classroom. His OCEA family is mourning his death."