

## **Biography of Randy Gallaway**

Randy Gallaway was born to L. J. "Shorty" and Thelma Gallaway at the Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Memorial Hospital on April 12, 1957. He grew up a mile west of Gentry, Arkansas, on Highway 12 and lived his first 23 years there.

Randy has the prestige of being a charter member of Tired Iron of the Ozarks. He attended the first meeting of the club on May 8, 1992, and has been a very active member ever since. Tired Iron plays a very important role in his life, coming only after his family, his devotion to his church, and his identity as a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Randy not only is a charter member but he is at the center of three generations of Tired Iron members. His dad Shorty, who passed away a couple of years ago, was a favorite member in the club. Until he became too ill to attend, he was a delightful person to have at any Tired Iron occasion. His stories and jokes are remembered by all of us who had the pleasure of hearing them. Thelma, his mom, continues to be a member and to offer her support for the club. Randy and his wife Donna's son Craig and daughter Kristina Gallaway Costello pretty much grew up with the club. They are now young adults who continue to maintain their support. Youths such as they are the hope for Tired Iron's future.

It's pretty certain when Randy became involved with machinery. When he was four years old, he took the carburetor off his dad's Farmall A and "fixed it." He apparently did fix it since it ran after he had applied his expertise. Randy hasn't stopped working on machinery since, either for work or for fun. His occupations mostly have involved his love for fixing things. He has worked as an auto mechanic, a truck driver, and a construction worker. He has worked as a diesel mechanic for the last 27 years, two years with Peterson Farms and 25 years with Hunt Trucking.

A lot can be understood about Randy's interest in old machinery by his antique collections. He has tractors, vehicles, engines, chainsaws, and tools. Randy is mostly identified with John Deere tractors. His JD collection includes a 1940 B, a 1953 40, a 1954 70, and a 1965 2010. He has as many Farmalls. They include a 1940 B, a 1942 A, a 1944 B, and a 1947 Farmall/McCormick W-9. He also has a 1952 Ford 8N tractor. His antique vehicle is a 1958 cab-over-engine GMC 2-ton truck. His engine is a 3-5 HP, magneto/flywheel driven, 1947 LB International. The collections include two 116-W John Deere hay balers. Unusual chainsaws are another specialty. He has 3 Mono chainsaws made in Missouri, one Remington, one Indian, a very old Pioneer, and another of some vintage. Finally, and importantly, he has a tool collection, which includes many tools handed down to him from his Grandfather Lankford. Randy is way ahead of a lot of us in being "the winner" in collecting good stuff.

Randy has served the club willingly and well in several capacities. He has been club safety officer, organizer for tractor displays at shows, and vice-president. He was in charge of building the club's pulling sled, and he did most of the work on the sled at his home and shop. Randy is always generous with his time and support for our organization. Thanks to the Randy and all the Gallaway family for all they have done and continue to do for Tired Iron of the Ozarks.

