



## John Daniel LeVan

July 1, 1938 - August 25, 2024

John Daniel LeVan, 86, of Bartlesville, formerly of Springdale, AR, musician, died Sunday, August 25, 2024, in Bartlesville.

John was born the son of John Daniel and Jane Irene (Hancock) LeVan on July 1, 1938, in Oklahoma City. He was raised in the Preston and Okmulgee area, graduating from Preston High School. His first passion was music. His mother gave him his first guitar and he loved the sound and strumming the strings. John's father introduced him and his brothers to boxing and was their trainer and manager. John never took a hit hard enough to knock him out, but he was a knock-out in the ring. John enlisted in the U.S. Army and served twelve years, earning the rank of sergeant. He was proud of his service and loved this country.

John's musical career as an entertainer took him near and far. He recorded several albums and singles. Later in life he set up A Sharp Music, a recording studio at his home which he used to help new artists lay down their first tracks. He entertained in nightclubs and other venues, jammed with his many friends and even received an invitation to fly to England to perform just one song. It was a very memorable and enjoyable experience. His sound was Rockabilly and he was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in 2004.

The following biography was written for John a few years ago, "John D. was a

pioneer in rockabilly music beginning as a teenager with Red Foley on The Ozark Jubilee. His career has taken him on a journey through the U.S.A. and half the world appearing with such greats as Charlie Daniels, Tommy Overstreet, Roy Orbison, J. J. Cale, Sonny West, Clyde Stacy and many more. Some of the awards he has received are: three-time winner of the American Song Festival, C.M.A. Award (Country Music Association) of America; in 2004 he was inducted into the National Rockabilly Hall of Fame; in 2009 he was honored by the State of Iowa with his induction into their State Hall of Fame. According to noted writer John Wooley of the Tulsa World, John D. is also known as one of the original founders of the world famous "Tulsa Sound" as per an article in the Tulsa World, December, 2004, when he wrote, "LeVan's work with Clyde Stacy and Gene Crose, two Tulsa music legends qualify him as a genuine Tulsa Sound pioneer." John D.'s repertoire ranges wide, from his show-stopping rendition of Louis Armstrong and the blues to contemporary country swing to rockabilly while retaining his original "Tulsa Sound" touch."

John's other passions in life included classic cars, most notably his 1949 Ford. He enjoyed shooting, fishing and having fun. He will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his children, John Daniel (Deanne) LeVan IV, Tracy Jean (Cecil) LeVan Combs, Franklin Kelly LeVan, Sunny Danielle (Julio) Tellez and Ivy Rose LeVan; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren on the way. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Annie LeVan; and two brothers, Joe and David LeVan.

Services will be held on Friday, 10 a.m., at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneral](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneral)

Home.com.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Daniel LeVan*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - August 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM

EW

*I sure was saddened to hear of John D.'s passing. I wasn't that close to him, except for a few months in the 90's, when I met him and he let this fledgling singer/songwriter play a lot of bad notes in his bar on the Fayetteville, AR Square. I remember him as gracious and encouraging. I'm forever grateful for that confidence. Decades later, here I am in Nashville, TN, still doing the thing he encouraged me to do (and, hopefully a lot better!). Thank you, John D. LeVan. R.I.P. Your friend always, Effron White*

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**Effron White** - August 30, 2024 at 10:19 AM

DS

“ I did not know until today that John had passed away. Ron at ReMix music had told me. I've enjoyed John's music, I've enjoyed his friendship. The last time I was at the house (Nob Hill), he was showing me his '49 Ford. Oh, and the T-Bird's too. I do an oldies radio show which features Rockabilly.. and so we'd discuss music and things related... I collect old vinyl records for the show and so we'd talk about who we had and who some of our favorite Rockabilly artists were.. and he'd tell me about his friendship with Leon (Russell) and others.. "The Tulsa Sound"... He always had that American Flag flying in the front yard. When they had the jam sessions at the pawn shop, I'd go.. everyone just had a great time. But now.. they're all gone. I guess when Annie passed away.. John just kind of slowly went down hill from there. I wish I had known of John's passing and all sooner.. I could have gone to the funeral and payed my final respects. John was an alright guy. I'll miss him. Goodbye my friend.. rest in heavenly peace. Doug Fields, The Vinyl Grotto Radio Show.



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Doug Fields, The Vinyl Grotto Radio Show - April 21, 2025 at 09:15 PM

DT

“ I miss you papa. I love you so much. Words can't express how different the world is without you. I miss being able to call and speak to you anytime of day. You're the best man I've met in my life. Papa thank you for always having my back. ❤️❤️🙏🙏 I know God will watch over you how you've watched over our whole family🙏❤️ thank you papa.



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**Dakota Tucker** - November 18, 2024 at 12:30 AM

ST

“ My dad and his sweet wife Annie. They loved their kids and grandkids so much. And they loved each other. They will be greatly missed by so many. But they are together again now. ❤️ We love you Dad and Ann.



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**Sunny Tellez** - September 05, 2024 at 06:47 AM

CM

“ John D., as an artist was an invaluable, positive influence on Ron and I not only because of his experience as a musician but because of his friendship, much like family. Being new business owners of a local musical instrument store, we were privileged to receive from him seasoned advice and suggestions for growing our store. Woven into the fabric of ReMix Music is the sum total of all the influences of professional musicians just like John D. and we will be forever thankful. Thank you, John D. We already miss you.

Ron and Cheri Mead  
ReMix Music  
Springdale, AR

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**Cheryl Mead** - August 29, 2024 at 11:15 PM

TD

“ The family of Ann LeVan & Jack Doyle purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Daniel LeVan.



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**The family of Ann LeVan & Jack Doyle** - August 29, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TD

“ The family of Ann LeVan & Jack Doyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Daniel LeVan.

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**The family of Ann LeVan & Jack Doyle** - August 29, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TF

“ *The Young Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Daniel LeVan.*



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**The Young Family** - August 29, 2024 at 12:57 PM

BM

“ *Brooke Mangan lit a candle in memory of John Daniel LeVan*



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**Brooke Mangan** - August 29, 2024 at 12:49 PM

ST

“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*

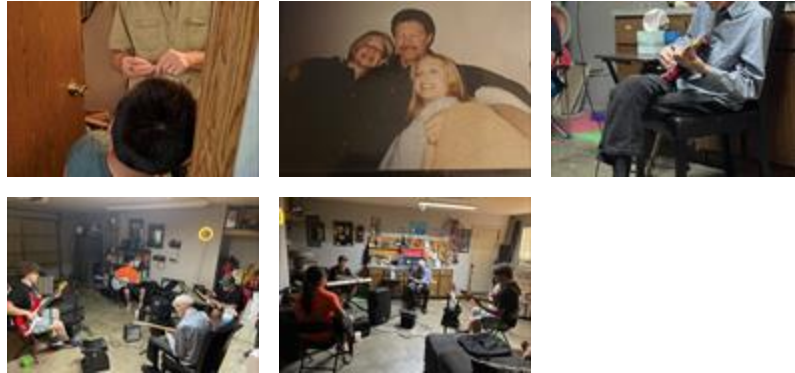


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**Sunny Tellez** - August 29, 2024 at 10:24 AM

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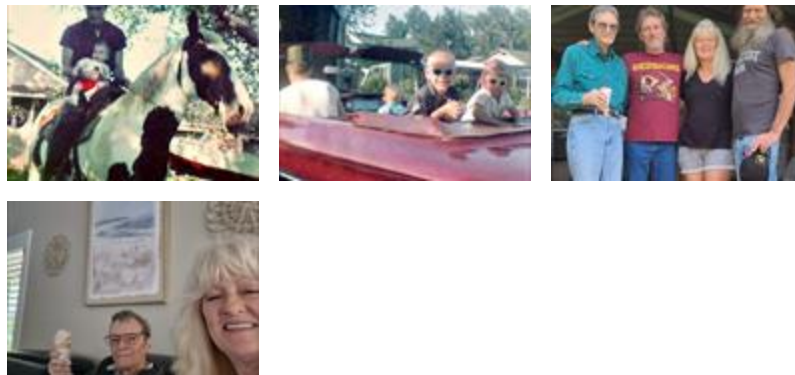
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Autumn Dohne - August 28, 2024 at 09:12 PM

TR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Tracy - August 28, 2024 at 08:24 PM

RL

“ Hi. My name is Richard L. LeVan. From Colorado Springs, Robert LeVan was John's 1st cousin. I'm the son of Robert. Never met John, but read and heard of him. I would like to extend my condolences to John's immediate family. Sorry for the loss of this good man. Richard LeVan

Richard LeVan - August 28, 2024 at 12:52 PM

TF

“ Timothy Alleman & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Daniel LeVan.



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Timothy Alleman & Family - August 27, 2024 at 06:01 PM

TF

“ Timothy Alleman & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Daniel LeVan.

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Timothy Alleman & Family - August 27, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Daniel LeVan.



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August 27, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John Daniel LeVan.



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August 27, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JF

“ Jill HenryRiley/Rockin’ John Henry family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Daniel LeVan.

Jill HenryRiley/Rockin’ John Henry family - August 27, 2024 at 01:34 PM

KS

“ Like so many others, I met John D through music and the A Sharp music studio. He was so very kind and such a great musician! He sat in with our band a couple of times (Dale Johnston's Country Review) and never missed a beat! Also had the pleasure of listening to him jam at REMIX music. My deepest sympathy to the family and fans who loved him so dearly.



Karen Spurlock - August 27, 2024 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ Tellez Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Daniel LeVan.



Tellez Family - August 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM