



John Watkins

May 3, 1949 - September 3, 2015

John Edward Watkins passed away Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Medicalodge in Dewey, OK. John had been a resident there for the past few years, after being stricken with Parkinson's Disease.

John was born May 3, 1949 at Memorial Hospital in Bartlesville, OK to John M. and Carla B. (Dickens) Watkins. He attended school his whole life in Dewey and graduated in 1967 from Dewey High School. After graduation John first attended Northeastern State University, in Tahlequah, OK and then transferred to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK where he studied Mechanical Power Technology. On August 2, 1969 he married Teresa Rea of Bartlesville, OK. Together they had three beautiful children, two sons and a daughter. In January 1972, John and his wife moved to Glendale, AZ where he got a job with Wilbur-Ellis Chemical Company and became a licensed Entomologist. The Company promptly moved them to Blythe, CA, where he continued his work with the growers in the valley until October 1976. Returning to Oklahoma John worked for Toby Schmoll Construction Company. John started his own business Watkins Remodeling & Construction in January 1977, and was very successful building and remodeling homes until he was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2007. John lived a wonderfully blessed life. He was an avid bird hunter his whole life. Growing up on a farm north of Dewey he worked many jobs and learned many trades. He enjoyed racing Micro Midgets for many years, traveling across the United States from Indiana to

California to participate. John was a terrific athlete in High School and had a love for Track. He became a volunteer coach for several years with the United States Track & Field program. He spent many hours teaching and training not only his own three children who were blessed with athleticism, but also many other youth of the Dewey and Bartlesville Communities.

John is survived by his sons; Kelly Joe Watkins and his wife Shirley of Kansas City, KS, Michael Corey Watkins and his wife Maria of Dewey, OK, his daughter Lindsay Ann Sturgeon and her husband Brian of Rural Wann, OK, and his three beautiful grandchildren; Gavin Watkins, Kennedy Watkins-Sturgeon, and Cimarron Sturgeon. John is also survived by his Mother Carla Watkins of Dewey and two sisters; Linda Pyle and her husband Gearl of Elmore City, OK, and Mary Downing and her husband Don of Raymore, MO, plus many loving relatives and friends.

Services for John will be a private time at the beloved family farm north of Dewey.

Tribute Wall



“ *Posted by Laura Alexander from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Johnny was a great person to talk to. He could listen and make you feel better without doing anything but listening and being there sometimes. I loved how he would pop in and smile and your day just seemed better because of him. I'll miss him and the joy he brought to everyone he met.*

09/17/2015 at 03:02am

*Posted by Jay Hastings from Bartlesville , Oklahoma
Sorry to hear of Johns passing. He was a good friend. I worked beside him many times in his construction business. He taught me a lot about construction and a lot about life. He was a good man who would always go above and beyond to make his customers happy. John took no shortcuts and I still laugh at some of the jobs he took on. My thoughts and prayers for the family.*

10/22/2015 at 02:09am

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“ *Posted by Brian Bean from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Maria, Corey & Gavin, Please accept our condolences at the loss of
your father and grandfather, John. We will keep you in our prayers
with the hope that Heavenly Father will bless you and comfort you
during this difficult time. Brian and Kathy Bean
09/04/2015 at 03:11pm*

*Posted by van schmoll from Pahrump, Nevada
Id like to send my condolences to the family. John was a very
important person in my life.
09/04/2015 at 11:43pm*

*Posted by Cousin Marilyn from Branson, Missouri
To all my family members there in OK....and here in MO...I am
sending Love, Prayers, and Hugs your way! My heart is sad with the
passing of my cousin, but comforted by precious Love and Grace
given each of us by our Dear Lord! Love, Marilyn & Family XO
09/05/2015 at 11:41pm*

*Posted by Peggy Brower from Copan, Oklahoma
John was a friend of ours for many years. We met him when we
joined the Methodist Church in Dewey over 35 years ago. He
always had a smile on his face and loved to visit with us. We pray
God gives comfort to Carla and the rest of the family at this
traumatic time in your life. Paul and Peggy Brower
09/06/2015 at 03:32pm*

*Posted by Berle and Linda Clark from Barnsdall, Oklahoma
So sorry for your loss. God has a plan for him in heaven!!!
09/06/2015 at 06:49pm*

*Posted by Judy Elkins Williams from Houston, Texas
I am so very sorry for the family's loss. Johnny is as handsome in
this picture as I remember him being as Linda's little brother. I am
glad to read of his life as an adult--many accomplishments, among
them his wonderful family. Please accept my condolences.*

09/07/2015 at 07:23pm

Posted by Pam Lyda Cook from Bedford, Texas

To Carla and family, His journey is over, the victory is won. He now rests in the arms of the Lord. It is never easy to say good bye. May you be comforted with memories of happier days. God bless you all and hold tight to each other. Remember we care too.

09/07/2015 at 09:13pm

Posted by Alden Swartz from Lafayette, Indiana

Blessings to the Watkins family. Your family will continue in the prayers of the Swartz family. Many great memories from our days together north of Dewey.

09/07/2015 at 09:40pm

Posted by Patti & Ted Bogle from Dewey, Oklahoma

Carla, Prayers are being said for your family. Death seems so final but it us just the beginning. You will be in my thoughts.

09/07/2015 at 10:24pm

Posted by Jodi Russell/Epps from Coweta, Oklahoma

Johnny was a good man !!! Heather and I traveled to many track meets all over the country. He helped Heather with her love of track by being such a great coach. He was love by many. Hugs to his family. Jodi Russell/Epps

09/07/2015 at 11:31pm

Posted by Susan Bush from Dewey, Oklahoma

I grew up and went to school with Johnny. He could be among any group of people and be comfortable. He always made people laugh. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace , John. Praying for the family to find comfort knowing he is in the arms of God now.

09/07/2015 at 11:34pm

Posted by Bruce Boettcher from Olathe, Kansas

Please accept our condolences, I have been thinking of all of you and missing my times with John. What a smile you have Johnny!

We wish you the best during this difficult time.

09/08/2015 at 03:07pm

Posted by Ronda Williams from Copan, Oklahoma

Johnny was a great guy whom I met at Micro Midget track. He was always kind my prayers to his family. You will be missed.

09/09/2015 at 03:51am

Posted by Sheryl Miracle from Dewey, Oklahoma

On behalf of Hughes Lumber Company, we would like to extend out condolences on the passing of John. He was a favorite of ours, a good friend. We have missed him, and it's sad to know he is gone.

Rest in Peace, John.

09/09/2015 at 01:06pm

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