



## John Perry Whitworth

January 29, 1937 - February 1, 2021

John Perry Whitworth passed away from COVID-19 complications on Feb. 1, 2021. John was surrounded by his loving family with John Matthew holding one hand and Vicki holding the other.

John was born Jan. 29, 1937, in Sallisaw, OK, in his Grandma Whitworth's home, to Clyde and Juanita Carson Whitworth. John attended Sallisaw schools and for a brief time in Chicago schools. He graduated from Sallisaw High School and was proud of his hometown and the Sallisaw Black Diamonds. When visiting family back home, he would always tell Vicki as they crossed that Arkansas River bridge, "You're in Sequoyah County now" and smile. He loved the hills there.

John graduated from University of Phoenix in 2001 with a Masters degree in Business. He entered the U.S. Air Force and while stationed in Birkenfeld, Germany, he played on the Air Force football team as quarterback and the basketball team. John returned to the States after serving in the Air Force and attended University of Tulsa on a football scholarship as quarterback until funding was cut, then signed to play for New Mexico State. John next played semi-pro football for Tulsa Wildcats, followed by signing with the Canadian Football League and was there two years.

John returned home to Oklahoma and married Ann. They moved to Chicago where John attended drafting school. John worked for AT&T in Chicago and later moved to Tulsa. He met and married Judy Land in Cincinnati, Ohio, and they had a son John Mathew. He later married Vicki Cranor and they were married 35 years. Besides his son John helped to raise five children, all of whom he held dear to his heart. John was very proud of his work in mechanical engineering for NASA on the Gemini and Apollo series. His work as a mechanical engineer took him worldwide from Beirut in Lebanon to Mexico City to Canada. John loved his family and wanted his boys to all succeed in life, and his family loved him back.

John is survived by Vicki and his sister Lou Gronnert of Eau Clair, Wisconsin. Children

surviving John are: John M & Amanda Whitworth, Bartlesville, Sherry & Tom Kurtz of Florida, Shirley & Chris Bingham of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, David & Jen Cranor of Sayre, PA, John C. & Amy Whitworth Bixby, OK, J.R. Whitworth of Ramona, OK; as well as special niece Alicia Byard and son Hayden Byard; 14 grandchildren: John E. & Paige Whitworth, Matthew Whitworth, Katherine Whitworth, Sarah Chauvin, Sydney Bingham, Nicole Lacono, Hailee (Mackenzie) Evans, Kali Gray, Kieran Cranor, Dakota Whitworth, Jaycie Whitworth, Brooklyn Whitworth, Wyatt Whitworth, and LeiLani Whitworth; and six great grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents and sister Judy Yoakum.

A Memorial Service will be held March 6, 2 p.m. at the Ochelata Cemetery Pavilion. COVID-19 precautions will be taken.

Arrangements 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.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ochelata

West 2900 Road  
Ochelata, OK

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ochelata  
West 2900 Road  
Ochelata, OK

# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the family during this difficult time. May God wrap you in his arms and hold you tight. I never had the honor of meeting this man, but his Son John, Not only touched my life but gave me ambition and drive to move forward, hope to keep pressing on and all in the midst of saving others lives along with mine by just sharing simple truth. You will always be a Extraordinary man in my book to bestow such honor and grace for your family that they gave there all, because you did first for them. God Bless.

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**Shannon Hicks** - February 03, 2021 at 11:45 PM

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“ Scott & Galeene Dixon lit a candle in memory of John Perry Whitworth



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**Scott & Galeene Dixon** - February 03, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ John was a beautiful soul who always had a smile on his face and a story of hope on his lips. He was an inspiration to me and many others. His experience, strength and hope will be missed. Sean W.

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**Sean White** - February 03, 2021 at 08:09 AM