



## Johnny Boyd Tennison

June 28, 1954 - August 14, 2021

Johnny Boyd Tennison, 67, of Dewey, died Saturday in Tulsa.

Johnny was born the son of John Calvin and Mavis (Eveland) Tennison on June 28, 1954, in Tulsa. He was raised in Tahlequah and learned from an early age the value of hard work at his father's bait shop off Highway 10. After graduating from Tahlequah High School in 1973, Johnny joined the Painters Union Local 1895. This led him to Bartlesville to work on the Phillips Petroleum Co. buildings for 17 years. He went on to work at the Williams Center where he painted and refinished furniture for several years before starting his own business Men-In-White specializing in painting and furniture refinishing.

One fine day, Johnny met Therese Angleton at a friend's party, and after her ride left, Johnny offered her a ride home all the way to Coffeyville, KS. Johnny asked her out to an Eagles concert, and this kicked off a beautiful relationship which resulted in marriage on April 17, 1982. Johnny adored his wife and she became the center of his world. They pledged the best of their love to one another and their union was blessed with 39 years of marriage and three sons.

Johnny loved the outdoors and sharing it with their family - fond memories of quiet hikes and not-so-quiet cookouts at Bardew Lake come to mind. At home

Johnny tended his flowers and garden, keeping an eye out for visiting birds and enjoyed watching them. He was a good provider for his family and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren's many activities. He also became a rent-a-dad to his sons' many friends along the way, making a profound difference in all their lives. Johnny collected marbles and usually had a handful in his pocket for illustrating his catchphrase "Don't loose your marbles" as a foreman for many years. Most everyone around him has heard his familiar call to action "Get to Steppin'." Johnny was dearly loved.

Johnny is survived by his loving wife Therese of the home; three sons, Jay (Shannon) Slack, Caleb Tennison, and Justin (Sara) Tennison; six grandchildren, Hallie Biesiadecki, Carson Tennison, Whitley Tennison, Jasper Slack, Jaxon Tennison, and Jarrett Tennison; stepmom Judy Tennison; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and his many good friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, son Robert Tennison, and brother Stephano Tennison.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

Services will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, August 20, at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville. Jamie Kelly (City Church) will officiate. Masks are required and Johnny's family thanks you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel

4201 Nowata Rd

Bartlesville, OK 74006

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Boyd Tennison*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - August 19, 2021 at 04:10 PM

WC

“ *This is my brother that I love dearly him and his brother they adopted me into their family and I lost both of them and I sometimes don't know what to do but here's a little set back posted on there and you can understand why I loved it*

**William Crawford** - May 02, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.*



August 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DD

“ *So many memories, RIP Johnny!*

**Dawn and Mike DeWeese** - August 20, 2021 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ *There, I am so sorry for your loss. Johnny always made me laugh. I know he loved you deeply. He will be missed. Love you my friend! Marcy Bean*

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Marcy Bean - August 20, 2021 at 03:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.*



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August 19, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.*



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August 19, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.*



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August 18, 2021 at 08:45 PM

JT

“ Our boys Joshua. Corey and John grew up with Caleb and Justin. They have always been like cousins. Johnny and Therese were wonderful friends and we send our thoughts and prayers at this time.

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**Jeanne Taylor** - August 18, 2021 at 06:33 PM

FJ

“ From a former rent-a-kid: Jolene purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.



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**From a former rent-a-kid: Jolene** - August 18, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KN

“ Worked with John many years at Phillips painting. I remember every fri he always asked did you get your welfare check brother.He was always willing to help you and if he called you brother he meant it. I considered him a good friend even though we lost contact over the years.RIP Brother

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**Kelly Nissen** - August 18, 2021 at 08:05 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family.  
Jeff & Connie Lawrence



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**connie lawrence** - August 17, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Boyd Tennison.*



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August 17, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Charles eden** - August 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Johnny was a very special and respectful man. Always kind to me. It is truly my pleasure to have had the privilege of meeting him. Bless all of you....Shelli G.*

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**Shelli G.** - August 16, 2021 at 12:31 AM



*Audrey and I are very sorry for your loss*

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**Charles eden** - August 17, 2021 at 12:50 PM