



John Elmo Butler

June 13, 1943 - April 2, 2024

John Elmo Butler, age, 80, lifelong resident of the Dodge area of Grove, Ok, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in Joplin, MO.

John was born on June 13, 1943, in the Butler community on Honeycreek, Grove, OK to John Elijah and Clara Mae (Fields) Butler.

He grew up in Grove and graduated from Grove High School, Class of 1961. He went on to attend Northen Jr. College and Northeastern State University, lettering in football 4 times. John's true passion was baseball which he enjoyed playing, and later coaching and spectating.

In 1962, John enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for 3 years.

A hardworking man, John worked his way through college, going to school full time and working full time. He proudly earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Throughout John's life he held several positions, a supervisor for the Cherokee Nation in Environmental Clean Up, he was the Delaware County Commissioner for 4 years, he retired as a supervisor from the Oklahoma State Parks Department. All the while, being a full-time rancher, running commercial Angus cattle.

A quiet, thoughtful man, with an ornery grin and heart of gold, is how John Elmo will be remembered. His strength and faith in God will be the legacy he leaves to his beloved family.

Left to cherish John's memory: wife, Marsha (Houck) Butler; sons, Kyle

(Teresa) Butler and Kreg (Erika) Butler, all of Grove, 6 grandchildren: Kati (Joe), Koal (Abby), Kody (Emilea), Sage (Christian), Kash and Kord; and 5 great grandchildren: Korbin, Rhett, Ryder, Kreek and Lillian, nieces, Angie Shepherd (Frankie), Terri McDowel and Connie Butler, and nephews, Micheal Butler (Tiffany), Lance Butler and a host of extended family and friends.

Visitation will be from 5-7pm Sunday, April 7, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Funeral services will be at 10am Monday, April 8, 2024, at Elk River Baptist Church followed by burial at Fields Cemetery.

The family request donations be made to the Local Disabled American Veteran's, PO Box 450675, Grove, Ok 74345 or Good Shepherd Hospice, 1120 Neo Loop, Grove, Ok 74344 in John's memory.

Arrangements Entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Fields Cemetery

S. 690 Road
Grove, OK 74344

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-6761
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Elk River Baptist Church
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Elmo Butler



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - April 06, 2024 at 05:14 PM

LB

John Elmo was a kind and gracious person. I knew him from childhood and he always had a smile on his face and kind words. I am sure his family will forever miss him.

Lorene Fields Burks

LORENE FIELDS BURKS - April 07, 2024 at 08:14 PM

PU

“ Phil & Lynn Urbach purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Elmo Butler.



Phil & Lynn Urbach - April 08, 2024 at 06:12 PM

PU

“ Phil & Lynn Urbach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.

Phil & Lynn Urbach - April 08, 2024 at 06:12 PM

RF

“ Randall and Jackie Fidler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Elmo Butler.



Randall and Jackie Fidler - April 07, 2024 at 02:14 PM

BG

“ I am Bob Goldman and I played Football with Elmo at Northern Oklahoma Junior College beginning 1961 for 2 years. We got along just fine and went everywhere together, Even to Ford, Kansas to work in the Summer on a huge Farm. We have many memories together and My Memory of Elmo is for always. I will miss his smile very much! He went to the military about the time I did too. I am Thankful for knowing him for He was one of a Kind for Sure. Elmo Butler was the Best Kind of Man this Country has to offer and It has been a privilege that I was able to be His Friend and I will Truly miss him.

Bob Goldman - April 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Elmo Butler.



April 05, 2024 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ Doug & Jan Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.

Doug & Jan Morgan - April 05, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TF

“ The Hutchison Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John Elmo Butler.



The Hutchison Family - April 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ The Hutchison Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.

The Hutchison Family - April 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Elmo Butler.



April 05, 2024 at 01:10 PM

YF

“ Your PBA Health family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Elmo Butler.



Your PBA Health family - April 05, 2024 at 09:46 AM

YF

“ Your PBA Health family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.

Your PBA Health family - April 05, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Elmo Butler.*



April 04, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sharon and Bob Keasler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.*

Sharon and Bob Keasler - April 04, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ *Larry cooper purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Elmo Butler.*



Larry cooper - April 04, 2024 at 07:13 AM



“ *Larry cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.*

Larry cooper - April 04, 2024 at 07:13 AM



“ *Prayers to the family during this difficult time for comfort.*

Penny Clem - April 03, 2024 at 10:37 PM

DB

“ D. D. & Beverly Black purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Elmo Butler.



D. D. & Beverly Black - April 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DB

“ D. D. & Beverly Black planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Elmo Butler.

D. D. & Beverly Black - April 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

EM

“ Erin, Brittney & Levi Marsh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Elmo Butler.



Erin, Brittney & Levi Marsh - April 03, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SF

“ Sharon, Larry and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Elmo Butler.



Sharon, Larry and family - April 03, 2024 at 08:28 PM

SF

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Sharon, Larry and family - April 03, 2024 at 08:28 PM