



John Merchant

August 4, 1960 - August 15, 2021

Johnnie W. Merchant, age 61, passed away peacefully after a long illness, at his daughter's home in Grove, Oklahoma on Sunday August 15, 2021.

Johnnie was born on August 4, 1960 in Sperry, Oklahoma to Dan and Floydeene (O'Field) Merchant. The family moved to Grove, where he attended Grove Schools, graduating in 1978.

He became a professional truck driver and was employed by several different trucking companies over the years. After suffering a stroke in 2009, his driving days came to an early end, and he retired.

Johnnie was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and St Louis Cardinals fan but reveled in all sports. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he often enjoyed watching them play ball and dance. His ornery personality and sense of humor kept everyone on their toes and to know him was to instantly like him.

Fishing was a lifelong favorite pastime, and he could often be found at his favorite spot, behind Mozelle's house, attempting to 'reel them in'. Social media intrigued him, and he greatly enjoyed posting funny memes just for laughs. He was always the caretaker, attending to the needs of all his family and friends. The 'White Water Ladies' were some of his favorite gals, and he relished their company. He was of the Baptist faith and attended Butler Baptist Church.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Roscoe Len Merchant.

Left to cherish his memories, his daughters Jillian Willis of Tiff City, Missouri and Heather Merchant-Johnston (Austin) of Grove; his sister Debi (Jon) Troppman of Grove; and four adored grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

There will be a closed casket visitation for family and friends at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Home on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 5 – 7 pm. Funeral Services will be held at 10 am Friday, August 20, 2021 at Butler Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Butler Cemetery.

The family requests that donation in Johnnie's memory be made to the Butler Cemetery Fund, 32350 S. 630 Rd, Jay, OK 74346.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Butler Cemetery

Grove, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 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

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

Butler Baptist Church
Jay, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *John Merchant*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Was a very nice guy. We went to school together,I really liked him.
So very sorry.*

Rick jackson - September 04, 2021 at 01:14 AM



“ *Brad & Hope Martineau purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of John Merchant.*



Brad & Hope Martineau - August 19, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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“ John Merchant was such a loving and caring man. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He fiercely protected his family and friends. John was a brother to me and Mark Limes. He went out of his way many times to help us with one thing or another. John got my sister and I both through one of the most difficult periods of our lives when our father passed. He wasn't just there to support us emotionally, John jumped in and physically helped moved my father's things and clean out his shop. That was the kind of person John was. He helped Mark and I move to our apartment in Murray and in January of this year, he drove from Grove to Springfield to meet Mark and I with our Yorkie son, Harley. John also loved to cook and would make us his world famous spaghetti. You were one of kind dear brother. Although we miss you greatly on this earth, there is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that you have made Heaven an even better place by being there. No more pain and no more sorrow, just the beautiful light of God's presence. Until we meet again dear friend. Rest In Peace.

Laura Limes - August 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ Dana Land, Laura & Mark Limes purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of John Merchant.



Dana Land, Laura & Mark Limes - August 19, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of John Merchant.*



August 18, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Rip jonny*



Cindi forwman - August 17, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *To my best friend and soul mate in life. Rest In Peace .*



Dana Land - August 17, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Merchant.*



August 16, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *RIP my Brother!*

Greg Michalec - August 16, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of John Merchant.*



August 16, 2021 at 07:16 PM