



## John Charles Potts

September 9, 1949 - April 16, 2017

John Charles Potts, age 67, Grove, died suddenly on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. Brother-in-law, Roger Eiland, and sister, Patricia Eiland, of Grove, were with him while he battled to return from health setbacks. Walmart associates will remember him as their good buddy, and he made buddies no matter where life might lead him.

Born on September 9, 1949 in Orlando, Florida to Claude Potts, Sr. and Lucille Potts (predeceased), he enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe, but Grove, Oklahoma was the home he chose. He was a loyal American and he relished his life in Grove.

Most of John's schooling was in California. He was a BMOC at Pacific High School in San Bernadino, and played college football at SBVC where he impressed national spotters who encouraged him to pursue a pro football career.

He is survived by brother and sister-in-law, Claude Potts, Jr. and Carol Potts,, of Redlands, California; niece, Michelle Potts of Atascadero, California, and nephew and wife Chad Potts and Kimberly Potts of Melbourne, Australia.

Prior to his nearly 20 years with Walmart, John worked in many trades. He was a pioneer crew chief in the ground installation for lines for emerging cable

television. In home construction, he was a skilled framer. For the County of San Bernardino, he maintained the grounds of the Courthouse. He also managed a business for his sister and brother-in-law in Oceanside, California. Consistently a hard worker, John lived by the motto: "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right."

Always a car enthusiast, John and his buddies organized The Barons Car Club of San Bernardino, and he served as their President. Another interest led him to organize, with other buddies, The Skunk Hunters, a unique rod and gun club. John was a remarkable marksman and fervent nature lover.

Being very generous, John always shared whatever fortune he enjoyed with those in need. His favorite charity was The Salvation Army. If you are inclined, please share your good fortune by contributing to The Salvation Army in his name, online at: [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or by mail.

Services for John will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Charles Potts*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *I met John 10 years ago at a very rough time in my life... He had a wonderful sense of humor and always brightened my day... As I hoped I did his. We had probably a million conversations over this period of time... We made the best of bad situations by simply talking to each other and making each other laugh! I guess you could say he was my "Everday Santa Claus"... I can't picture going to breaks and knowing he won't be there. I hope that he has the biggest wings in heaven right now and that one day, I will have the privelage of his presence again.*



**Trisha Steele** - April 18, 2017 at 09:00 PM



*i have known john for many years all ways nice and frindly Rip we all will miss you*

**Agathe Geasland** - April 19, 2017 at 08:25 AM