

John Ed Compelube

July 25, 1955 - January 27, 2019

John Compelube, of Park Hill, Oklahoma, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at his home in Park Hill after a courageous fight with cancer. Viewing will be held 12PM-7PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11:00 am with Pastor Gene Haddock of Crossroads Church officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Kenny Scott, Larry Fourkiller, Shane Stanley, Rick Quinteros, Mike Salsman and Michael Nelson serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Fred Riner and Jason Riner.

John was born in Gowan, Oklahoma on July 25, 1955 to Jimmy Ray and Mary (Bargas) Compelube. He attended school from elementary to junior high in McAlester, OK then moved to Fort Gibson in 1969 where he continued his education and graduated in 1975. He went to college in Kansas and then returned to Oklahoma. John served 8 years in the Army Reserves. He taught drafting at Indian Capitol Area Vo-Tech, worked for many engineering and architectural firms including Daniels Construction in Virginia and John-Zink in Tulsa. He worked for the engineering department at Coburn Optical in Muskogee from 1982 to 1998 where he took early retirement. He then worked for Cherokee Nation Department of Transportation as a Right of Way Supervisor from 1998 to 2017. John enjoyed the outdoors - fishing, hunting, and camping. He also enjoyed traveling, seeing new places, and meeting

people. He was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking for work and his family and friends. Nothing lit up his eyes more than his grandchildren. He will be remembered especially for the many pieces of art that he created in his lifetime. Many are displayed at the Five Civilized Tribe Museum in Muskogee and the Choctaw Museum in Tuskahoma. He saw life as a beautiful canvas and lived life to its fullest.

John is preceded in death by his parents Jimmy and Mary Compelube, and his sister, Cynthia Kay Compelube.

John is survived by his wife and best friend Regina of the home; six children; Fred Riner and his wife Raegan of Lexington Park, Maryland; Jason Riner and his wife Hollie of Norfolk, Virginia; Bethany Salsman and her husband Michael of Hitchita, OK; Dustie Nelson, and her husband Michael of Fort Gibson, OK; Lacey Quinteros and her husband Rick of Coweta, OK; Shane Stanley of Park Hill, OK; five grandchildren; Brooklyn Salsman, Annyston Timmons and her husband Jonathon, Mikkah Nelson, Gunnar Nelson, and Adelaide Stanley; and one great grandchild, Peyton Timmons; brother Cecil Compelube and wife, Cindy, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; a sister, Christina Marcel Compelube, of San Diego, California and many nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family of John Ed Compelube has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 30. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *John Ed Compelube*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of John Ed Compelube*



Stephanie Keeton - April 19, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *The world lost a great, kind and generous soul when John passed away. I remember the first time I met him. He welcomed me into his office like I was a long-time friend and did the same every other time I saw him.*

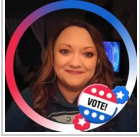
Regina, I am so sorry for your loss and for John's entire family!! May God give you peace during this time and comfort in the days to come.

Your work on earth here is done. Enjoy your reward in heaven, my friend.

*Lisa Cunningham
Cherokee Nation Real Estate Services*

P.S. Don't be giving any tattoos to the angels unless you get permission from the Big Guy first!!!!

Lisa Cunningham - February 04, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ I remember going with my family to his house outside Warner and going to the skating rink in Ft. Gibson to eat his mom's delicious mexican cuisine! Oh, the wonderful childhood memories! John was not only my dad's dear friend. He was more like family. He was a person who loved everyone. And when I lost my dad, he was a comforting friend to me. To say John will be greatly missed is a vast understatement. But God assures me, we will meet again someday.

Kimberly Richerson Stevens - January 31, 2019 at 10:38 AM

KC

“ Kornegay cousins purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John Ed Compelube.



Kornegay cousins - January 30, 2019 at 11:58 PM

DN

“ You could count on John to have the freshest Holiday Candy. If it was Easter he would have the marsh mellow bunnies, Halloween the sugar pumpkins, Christmas the yummy chocolate covered cherries! And of course it had to come from Wal-Greens. He was convinced if it didn't come from Wal-Greens it wasn't the freshest!

The whole department knew John had a secret drawer in his office that had an endless bottom. He always kept it full of candy and the most favorite snacks. We knew the drawer was a community drawer for all of us.

He would often bring us breakfast burritos. Still warm from his cast iron skillet! I can still hear him holler, “You better come and get one or two while they're hot”!

Anything John set his mind to do was Perfect, his cooking, painting, tattooing, and even his remodels. But one thing that didn't have to be perfect, were his friends.

John was the type of man that would never let you go hungry. John was generosity with a sense of humor and a huge heart.

Oh my how we will miss him. The Dept. of Transportation is Family and we have lost one of our own. We are sad even though the Bible tells us to rejoice. But we are selfish and didn't want to give him up. I know in my heart God knows we are joyous for John, for we know where he is now. No pain, no sorrows. What a truly talented and precious soul. Heaven just became a little bit sweeter with his presence.

Rest in Peace My Friend.

Debby Nodine

Debby Nodine - January 30, 2019 at 12:50 PM

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Debby Nodine - January 30, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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Debby Nodine - January 30, 2019 at 12:40 PM



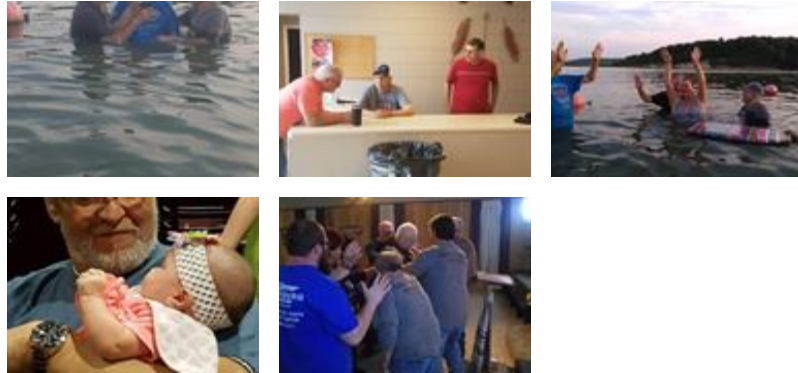
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.



January 30, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



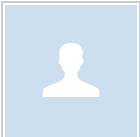
Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - January 30, 2019 at 08:42 AM



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Rhnea Burcham - January 30, 2019 at 01:47 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant* was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.



January 29, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.* ”



January 29, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.* ”



January 29, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Love you girls and your momma.* ”



Candy Padgett - January 28, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.* ”



January 28, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.*



January 28, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Regina, were so sorry to hear of John's passing. There are a lot of things that could be said about John, but what I'll remember is the moment you saw and met him, a smile was on his face. Then you would remember how friendly and nice he was. I really enjoyed visiting with him each time I stopped by. Cynthia and I thoroughly enjoyed his retirement party; he seemed happy and enjoyed the camaraderie of friends and co-workers. We will miss this kind gentleman. Because of health issues, we will not be at his services.*

Harley Buzzard - January 28, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Ed Compelube.*



January 28, 2019 at 03:00 PM

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Sherry Waters - January 28, 2019 at 02:20 PM

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