



Johnny Lee Seward

January 14, 1961 - August 20, 2024

Johnny Lee Seward was born in Muskogee, OK to John Claybourn and Billie Carol (Puckett) Seward. On August 20, 2024, Johnny, in his own words, “moved on to greener pastures.”

Johnny grew up in Muskogee and Fort Gibson and went on to graduate from Fort Gibson High School with the class of 1979. Two days after graduation he went to work at OG&E where some of his best memories and lifelong friends were made. At the same time, he was working at his family dairy. Johnny married his high school sweetheart, Susan Tolbert, on July 25th, 1981. To this union was born 4 beautiful children Seth, Lauren, Brooke, and Will (Boo). They loved to go on drives and take road trips to Galveston, Tx and recently celebrated 43 rewarding years together.

As a dedicated husband and father, Johnny often came home after his 12 hour shifts to umpire wiffle ball games. His greatest passion came from farming and ranching where he felt great pride working alongside his dad and sons. He spent many hours on a tractor with a child or grandchild next to him. At the end of the day, he enjoyed watching the cattle graze while catching the sunset from the pasture. He also cherished the time he spent coaching baseball, and proudly spoke about his players. He truly considered them family.

Ultimately, Johnny is known by all as someone who never met a stranger, gave everything to those who had nothing, and worked his hardest to be a great husband, father, and grandfather. To his children, he instilled the

importance of looking someone in the eye and giving them a firm handshake; but most importantly he stressed the significance of putting God first. He is admired and respected by his family and countless friends. The day before he went to Heaven, he assured us he was happy and gave us a big smile.

Johnny is survived by: His wife, Susan of Fort Gibson, OK. Two daughters: Lauren Johnson and husband Jordan of Fort Gibson, OK and Brooke Kidd and husband Brian of Tulsa, OK. One son: Will (Boo) Seward and wife Cortni of Fort Gibson, OK. Eight grandchildren: Ella Webster-Baker, Layton Seward, Brennan Wood Murphy, Clay Seward-Page, Brody Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Kingsley Kidd, and Bishop Kidd. One brother: Jeff Seward and wife Gail of Broken Arrow, OK. He was preceded in death by his son: Seth Seward, his parents, and his sister: Cheryl Seward Scott.

Johnny was a previous board member for The Gospel Rescue Mission. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made to them in his honor at give.grmok.org.

A viewing will be 12:00PM to 7:00PM, Friday, August 23, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. A celebration of Johnny's life will be 10:00AM Saturday, August 24, 2024, at New Community Church with Reverend Lester Beasley and Pastor Simeon Young officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Three Rivers Cemetery in Okay, OK with Jordan Johnson, Tony Horn, Darnell Walker, Colby Johnson, Conner Nichols, Bill Catron, Rick Nichols, and Timmy Gauntt serving as casket bearers. Lyle Tolbert, David Huggins, and Don Ford will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Johnny Lee Seward has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for Johnny's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Three Rivers Cemetery

East 60th St North
Okay, OK 74446

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)
1020 West Okmulgee Ave
Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 910-8883

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Community Church
3600 E Shawnee Road
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

BW

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Johnny, please know that I am thinking of you and sending prayers for your family. May you all find peace and healing in the days ahead. RIP Johnny. You will be missed.
Beth Seward Warwick



Beth Seward Warwick - August 23, 2024 at 05:27 PM

WK

“ Johnny was a good man. We enjoyed our interactions with him as a customer. Always pleasant to deal with! We will miss him!
Love to you as a family and his loved ones.
Wes and Starla Koehn
Adair Custom Processing

Wesley Koehn - August 23, 2024 at 02:04 PM

CJ

“ Johnny was so good to my brother Jordan and I. The man had a heart of gold. I thoroughly enjoyed playing ball for him as did so many others. We were a sight to see walking into the ballpark, Johnny wearing his signature Canadian tuxedo (minus the jacket), red bandana around his neck, pants tucked in his boots with the bad news bears behind him in mismatched uniforms. We played our tails off for him. We were blessed to call him coach, friend and a father figure whether we needed one or not. I’m going to miss his laugh, smile and positive outlook on life. His love for his family and faith in Jesus were to be adored. Love you Johnny, until we meet again....



Colby Johnson - August 22, 2024 at 10:08 PM

CJ

“ Johnny was so good to my brother Jordan and I. The man had a heart of gold and a positive outlook on life. I enjoyed playing ball for Johnny as did so many others. We were a sight to see walking into the sports complexes. Johnny wearing his signature Canadian tuxedo (minus the jacket), red bandana around his neck, pants tucked into his boots with the bad news bears walking behind him wearing mismatched uniforms. We played our tails off for him. We were blessed to call him coach, friend and a father figure whether any of us needed one or not. I’m sure going to miss his laugh and smile. Johnny’s love for his family and faith in Jesus are to be admired. Love you Johnny, until we meet again...



Colby Johnson - August 22, 2024 at 09:48 PM

MB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brackett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Johnny Lee Seward.*



Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brackett - August 22, 2024 at 07:40 PM

SB

“ *The very first day that I started at OG&E, Johnny Seward and I became fast friends. He was a mentor, a teacher and a safe place for me to confide in. He taught me so much about the plant and We shared a lot of time and a lot of stories. He was fun and exciting to be around !*

He was there for me when I lost my baby sister and I'll never forget that ever!

I often thought that he missed his calling by not being a Teacher at a Prestigious College or a Football Coach at OU ! BOOMER SOONER !

Johnny Lee Seward ! You were a true blessing to me and so many other people around you !

Thank You for being You !

I'll see you again Ole' Buddy !

I'll have some Beechnut ready for You !

Love ya Brother ❤️

Scott Brackett - August 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM

DS

Johnny was my nephew and a wonderful man of GOD. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend to so many. A finer man will not be found. The Bible speaks of a good name and Johnny Seward was a man with a good name. Liked by all and a true friend. RIP

Daniel Simon - August 24, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TG

“ Johnny was more than a true friend, he was a loved brother! He was honest,hard working man that knew the Lord and knew that he was going to walk the streets of gold in heaven,where he is now! He would give the shirt off his back to help anyone and didn't expect anything in return. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of everyone of them. Johnny,we have had some great memories down here on earth and hope to make more when it comes my time to join you! We love you Susan and family!!! Timmy,Paula,Khadney and girls

Timothy P Gauntt - August 22, 2024 at 02:41 PM

JJ

“ Johnny is a GREAT GUY! I am blessed immensely to have enjoyed a friendship with him! I Love you Johnny! Dadgumit!

John A Johnson - August 22, 2024 at 02:37 PM

UP

“ Uncle Daniel and Aunt Peggy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Lee Seward.



Uncle Daniel and Aunt Peggy - August 22, 2024 at 09:13 AM

SW

“ Sending Love and Prayers to Susan and Family. Sandra & Stubby 💕💕



Sandra Huggins Worley - August 22, 2024 at 01:57 AM

SS

“ Chuck got to know Johnny from work at OG&E, and then our boys played summer baseball together. We have lots of wonderful memories from those times we were baseballing. Johnny was so good to those boys. We will miss him, prayers for you, Susan, and your kids. We love you guys and have you in our prayers. We are so sorry and sad for your loss.

Shari Smithson - August 22, 2024 at 12:02 AM

KC

“ Got to Enjoy working with Johnny Lee at OG&E Many Years. Went on a few enjoyable quail hints with Him as well. Our Bird Dogs were Half Brothers. Johnny had "Snoop" and I had "Logger Head" !!! Those two had to Scrap some !!! Gonna Miss Ya, Ol Buddy !!! RIP Ol Friend. Our Heart Felt Condolences going out to Susan and the Family. Love Ya'll, Kendall and Paula.

Kendall Cook - August 21, 2024 at 10:42 PM

PB

“ Johnny was my nephew but he was mostly my oldest little brother. We grew up together and were best of friends. All my memories as a child are precious and full of adventure, fun, fights and lots of love with Johnny. I will miss you bunches Johnny Lee but I will see you soon and walk those streets of gold with you. Until we meet again
xoxoxo

Pamala Barton - August 21, 2024 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ My high school sweetheart ❤️
I love you honey ❤️
See you soon
Love Susan

susan seward - August 21, 2024 at 02:00 PM

RG

You made it my friend be there soon until then I will miss our conversations and especially talking about what God has in store for us. Love you Johnny be good!!Gully

Randy Gilbert - August 22, 2024 at 10:06 AM

DH

Mrs. Seward, I don't know how it's possible that I didn't hear about Johnny's passing! He was simply the best example of a man or a Dad that anyone could be! I loved talking about you, your kids, my son, baseball and God with Johnny! We usually met out eating somewhere! I have great respect for Johnny and have always loved you and your family! I am so sorry that I didn't know of his passing!

Daniel Hardin - September 05, 2024 at 11:41 AM