



Johnny "John" Ward Teel

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AUCTIONEER

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JOHNNY WARD TEEL PASSED FROM THIS LIFE FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026, IN DENISON, TEXAS AT THE AGE OF 74. JOHN WAS BORN TO NADINE WARD TEEL AND JOHN ELMO TEEL OCTOBER 9, 1951, IN DURANT, OK. HE GRADUATED FROM BLUE HIGH SCHOOL AS SALUTATORIAN IN 1969 AND ATTENDED SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY.

JOHN WORKED FOR DURANT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BEFORE OPENING "JOHN TEEL'S JUNK BARN" WITH THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, JOYCE MARLENE VESTERBY, WHOM HE MET WHILE PICKING UP SLOP AT THE HOLIDAY INN. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1988 AND SPENT 30 WONDERFUL YEARS TOGETHER. IN HIS EARLY 20'S, JOHN STARTED HIS MOST NOTABLE ADVENTURE: AUCTIONEERING. JOHN'S LEGACY IS ONE OF STEWARDSHIP. HE LIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, WHETHER IT BE A HOT MEAL, A PLACE TO SLEEP, OR EVEN JUST A JOKE TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY. JOHN WAS A MENTOR TO MANY, RESPECTING AND LOVING EVERYONE REGARDLESS.

JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE BELOVED SONS; BEN TEEL AND

WIFE CARLA OF BLUE, OK; KEN TEEL OF BLUE, OK; CLINT SHAFFER AND WIFE JACKIE OF ERA, TX; GRANDCHILDREN BROCK AND COURTNEY ALLEN OF ROBERTA, OK; MAKAYLA TEEL, TUCKER WHITAKER, AND SHAELYNN WHITAKER OF BLUE, OK; SHELBY GRAHAM AND HUSBAND JUSTIN OF BENNINGTON, OK; KIRSTEN FRIESEN AND HUSBAND ADAM OF MESQUITE, TX; CARTER SHAFFER OF ERA, TX AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, BRYNLEE ALLEN, JETTSON AND JAXSTON GRAHAM, RYKER FRIESEN AND ONE MORE ON THE WAY; AS WELL AS COUNTLESS OTHERS WHOM JOHN CONSIDERED HIS FAMILY.

JOHN IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, NADINE AND ELMO TEEL; IN-LAWS RONALD AND BEAULAH VESTERBY, AND HIS WIFE AND BEST FRIEND, JOYCE MARLENE TEEL.

EVERYONE WELCOME, NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS
AUCTIONEER JOHN TEEL
BLUE, OKLAHOMA | 580-916-0686

A visitation for John will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Brown's Funeral Service chapel.

A funeral service to honor the life of John will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. at the Caddo High School Gymnasium with Landon Jestis officiating.

Interment will take place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with Ben Teel, Clint Shaffer, "Murph" Michael Murphy, Ken Teel, Mike Varner, Brandon Curnette, and Josh Jordan serving as pallbearers.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Chili Joe Bills, Jared Whitaker, Dave McGehee, Mike Willis, Scott Allen, and Ronnie Davis.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/L4FGWKL57G46RLHK>

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Armstrong, OK

Previous Events

Viewing hours and Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
info@brownsfuneralservice.com
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Caddo Gymnasium
600 McPherran Ave.
Caddo , OK 74729

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny "John" Ward Teel*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - June 03 at 12:54 PM

LO

“ *Several years ago my husband asked me to go with him to a John Teel auction because he enjoyed them so much. He really liked John's rhetoric and went to his auctions every chance he got. Ronny made me bid for my first time ever and got a kick out of me winning the bid on copper tea kettles! I'd like to think John and Ronny are Up There reminiscing about the good ol' days. My condolences and best wishes to his family.*

Lorrie - June 17 at 03:41 PM

MP

“ *Thank you for always being there when I needed you, and for giving me a helping hand when I needed it the most. You always gave me a chance when others wouldn't, and I am forever grateful. Rest easy, buddy. From Gordon D White Jr.*

Magan Paskill - June 06 at 10:44 PM

HF

“ Hardy Farms purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Johnny "John" Ward Teel.



Hardy Farms - June 03 at 02:21 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - June 03 at 01:12 PM

RL

The best man ever loved us all and we all loved John Joyce and the boys rest in peace John ole #78

Richard Laubhan - Yesterday at 04:01 PM

GT

“ Georgia Saul Turner lit a candle in memory of Johnny "John" Ward Teel



Georgia Saul Turner - June 03 at 12:25 PM

EA

“ My condolences to all of John’s family. I loved hearing all of his jokes he reminded me so much of my grandfather,, I remember going to the Auctions with my grandfather & John was always there in Blue . John was really good friends with my dad Joe Kennemer . R.IP John



Elizabeth Alvarado - June 03 at 01:30 AM

LC

“ The world lost a great man, especially Bryan and Choctaw county. John Teel was a treasured friend always with a funny story, encouraging words, praise, help, and smile. Jerry Combrink, my husband, was Superintendent at Blue school where John graduated. John was always there to volunteer auction or help at a benefit or school project for 23 years and later at Boswell School when we were there, I know he did this for many other schools and organizations also. He was always a joy to see. Heaven gained a great man. John Teel you will be missed. Love and prayers for All His family and friends, Linda Combrink

Linda Combrink - June 02 at 04:20 PM

VB

“ John my mama would be calling you Johnny ward and you was the white Indian sitting at my grandma Ellen Patterson and great grandma Adeline Patterson dinner table you will be missed thank you for all the talks and laughs we had fly high with the angels

Vera (sissy Butler - June 02 at 03:48 PM

RT

“ John knew me before I was even born. Knew 5 generations of my family and never missed a chance to ask me how everyone doing, or tell me a story! He taught me so much about antiques and farm life! He loved my family, and we all loved him! See you again one day of Friend! Love you much.

rebekah Trammell - June 02 at 01:55 PM

BS

“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Johnny "John" Ward Teel



Brenda Smith - June 02 at 11:40 AM

MB

“ Melody Baker lit a candle in memory of Johnny "John" Ward Teel



Melody Baker - June 02 at 11:27 AM

SS

“ A TRUE Friend and Gentleman.

Scheryl Self - June 02 at 09:32 AM

TW

“ *The Family of Robert Walker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Johnny "John" Ward Teel.*



The Family of Robert Walker - June 02 at 09:22 AM

TB

“ *John was one of a kind. My family has many memories of going to the "Chicken Sale". We even took out of town family members and friends to the sale so they could experience it. John was a sweet man and I know that the angels are rejoicing and John will hear the words "Well done my good and faithful servant ". Love and prayers from the Bowles Family*

Teman and Jeanette Bowles - June 02 at 08:54 AM

JB

“ *Jayme, Mikayla, Parker, and Jasten Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny "John" Ward Teel.*



Jayme, Mikayla, Parker, and Jasten Brown - June 01 at 11:40 PM

EC

“ John, you were a good gentleman and a great auctioneer, we met you in Durant Walmart store when my own Brother Aaron took me shopping there a few months ago. You had owned a junk barn in Blue between Bokchito and Durant, and we were shopping there until your own store closed down for good. And you also had your own Auction Services site in Blue, and now we're all sad as you're going to a better place and have gone to the great stage in the sky.

Erik Andrew Pridemore from Colbert - June 01 at 06:52 PM

JC

What great memories we will always have of each other as we played And grew up together in blue....I looked forward to seeing you every summer when I visited...I called you little john since you were younger....say hi to your mom and dad....jimbo

Jim corley - June 02 at 11:51 AM

'D

“ Love you till the end of time my dear friend! You blessed everyone you came in contact with!!! Tell Sonya and Ray and of course Steve how much I love and miss them!!! And so very many others as well! See ya soon dear friend!

'Rena Duncan - June 01 at 04:34 PM

ES

“ Everyone at Jimmies Auto Supply purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny "John" Ward Teel.



Everyone at Jimmies Auto Supply - June 01 at 09:26 AM