



John Winter Witherspoon

January 1, 1950 - May 4, 2022

John Winter Witherspoon, 72, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in Bentonville, Arkansas. John was born January 1, 1950 to Robert Glenn Witherspoon Sr. and Ruth (Winter) Witherspoon in Denton, Texas. John grew up in Rotan, Texas and lived for a time in Henderson, Texas and Cushing, Oklahoma before relocating to the Carthage, Missouri area in about 2002. He studied at the University of Texas in Arlington, where he graduated with a double major and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Environmental Science. John spent twenty-five years with the State of Texas – Water Conservation. John was also a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Carthage, Missouri.

John was united in marriage to Janice Ann Lee on August 4, 1973 in Burleson, Texas; she preceded him in death.

John is survived by his fiancé, Sheryl Hahn of Gentry, Arkansas; one son, John Mark Witherspoon (Emma) of Webb City, Missouri; four daughters, Jana Kaye Witherspoon of Sundia, Texas, Julie Christine Toppel (Dan) of Ferndale, Washington, Jami Lynn Shetler of Longmont, Colorado and Joy Elizabeth Witherspoon of Johnstown, Colorado; thirteen grandchildren, Mason, Kaori, Dontae, Zion, Katy, Mea, Lyssa, Wes, Krista, Mere, Stasi, Lukas and Jady; and two sister-in-laws, Susan Witherspoon of Mount Pleasant, Texas and Cindy Lee Brown of Flower Mound, Texas.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Janice Witherspoon; his parents,

Robert and Ruth Witherspoon; and one brother, Dr. Robert Glenn Witherspoon Jr. on March 27, 2022.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Bethany Baptist Church in Carthage, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Contributions may be made to Bethany Baptist Church Maintenance Fund in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Baptist Church
corner of Harmony Rd. & C.R. 90
Carthage, MO

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh My Goodness - I am just now seeing this obit on John and we all just became friends on Fb these past few months after being out of touch for so many years. I'll always have fond memories of John - we graduated together in 1968. We were also in band together for several years. He was always such a good guy and well liked. The last time I "talked" with John on here was when he posted about Robert's passing. I never did see anything anything about that...

May God wrap His arms around each of you during this trying time and in the future. I'm going to post the news of John's passing on my FB site and a couple of the ones for the town and county we grew up in.

Would love to visit with any of you kids if you'd like

Rhonda Bob Kelley Seymour
Rotan, Texas

Rhonda Bob Kelsey Seymour - May 15, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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“ I treasure the memories of our relationship with the Witherspoon family back in the 90s. Dairy farming and many other things. Your family was special to us in many ways. I'm also thankful for the lunch John and I shared last summer at Victoria's in Pea Ridge. We grieve with you over this loss that seems untimely, but also rejoicing that John loved the Lord and is in a better place now. May the God of Peace comfort you all.

Henry Hertzler - May 05, 2022 at 06:41 PM