



John Franke

July 9, 1954 - April 15, 2016

John Franke, 61, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2016 in Oklahoma City. He was born in Chickasha, OK to Moritz and Maxine (Stewart) Franke. He was married to Debi Smith. He worked for many years at Maxine's Steakhouse in Anadarko, before becoming the proud owner after his mother passed away. He loved to cook, work in his vegetable garden, ride his motor cycle, a Honda Gold Wing, but in his heart it was a Harley. He loved to go on Poker Runs, but at each stop he had to check in with his mother, even at age 30. He was an avid OU fan and was the leader of the OU Pack. He enjoyed playing golf, but never made a hole in one. Loved to spend time with his family, especially the family reunions. He was a wonderful and loving son, sibling, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and a friend to many to which they all can attest. He is survived by his wife, Debi, of the home in Moore, OK. His daughter, Maxine Brackeen, Anadarko, OK 2 sisters: Sue Zevitz, Overland Park, KS Jane Biehler, Tulsa, OK Grandchildren: Catitlin Beck and her husband, Anthony Great-Grandson, Boston Beck Nephews: Greg Startz, Tim Startz, Mike Zevitz, Dan Zevitz, Jeff Biehler, Matt Franke He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister; Anne Startz and one brother; Mark Franke Memorial Services: 11 A.M., Monday, April 18, 2016 Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Anadarko, OK Officiating: Rev. Edward Whitled Private Family Burial will be held at a later date at Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, OK. Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK Messages of condolences may be sent to: www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I just wanted to say thank you for all you did for me! You taught me a lot! I will never forget our Sunday golf games. You were a huge inspiration to me! I will never forget you! Boston loves you too!

Anthony Beck - April 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I haven't seen John since school but I remember him well. He left a lifelong impression on me and that says a lot about his character.

Royce Melton - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Your going to be missed, John. So many happy memories. Condolences to the family.

Carol Campa Kramer - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Sorry for your loss!! I remember John when he was just a kid. He was so much fun and a great cook. He would always bring steaks over and cook for us. Our prayers are with y'all!!!

Brenda (Missy) McAllister - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sorry for your loss Maxine.

Greg Mcwaters - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *RIP dear John....You were such an awesome man. You will be missed by all of us that knew and loved you. Dan and Caroline Dulworth*

Dan and Caroline Dulworth - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *My thoughts are for the family-sure will miss him-loved him much*

Cindy Jarnagin - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Maxine & Caitlyn I Love You both and Your In my Prayers.*

Karan Lynn Mcwaters - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Many many wonderful memories.....gone way too early*

Renee Moore - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Jane and family, have been thinking about you. We always had so much fun with John. He was such a character!! Miss seeing him come around the corner when he moved from mom and dad's neighborhood. You take care..*

Tommy and Shelly Sparkman - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I will always remember the times i spent at your home, at the restaurant with your children as a young kid. You will be missed.*

Dustin Dorrough - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM