



John Henry Donald Chaney Sr.

June 19, 1938 - October 18, 2024

John Chaney Sr., age 86 passed away peacefully on October 18, 2024 in Bartlesville Oklahoma. He was born June 19, 1938, in Coffeyville, Kansas to Henry Chaney and Norma Baxter (King).

John grew up in various places, he loved to tell the story of how he went to 13 different schools in 12 years. He had very fond memories of Philson Farms and Endocott Ranch where his dad worked. Those are the 2 places growing up where he learned about and began to love the cattle industry.

John married Joy Ann Cox of Dewey on July 7, 1956. They had 4 children and made their home east of Copan for many years. John worked various jobs including Gas Service Company, until deciding to have a large hog farm full time. They had an arena at their house that was a host for bulldoggers and cowboys from all parts of the country.

John was married for many years to Vickie Weber for several years and they made their home in Copan. Together they ran a large hog operation south of Copan.

John married Donna Kay Forrest on October 23, 1989. They made their home south of Copan and purchased the Copan Truck Stop from brother Bob Chaney and wife Kerry in April of 1993. He and Donna also had a large

purebred Angus Cow operation that still exists today. John made a name for himself selling low birthweight Angus bulls that are in very high demand to this day.

John loved telling stories. He was the unofficial President of the “liars table” at the truck stop that for many years, retired men of the community met every morning to gossip, argue at times, and basically solve all the world problems, so they said!

John was a longtime member of the American Angus Association. He was also very proud of being the person that started the current Copan Round Up Club. He along with brother, Lon Chaney; friends, Milt Foreman, Dan Houser, Danny Lemmons, Ed May, Walt Donnell, and Bud Moody built and began the current arena and club, with Big John being the first President.

Preceded in death by: Wife, Donna Forrest Chaney; Parents Henry Chaney and Norma King Baxter; Brother Jim Chaney, and Nephew Jimmy Chaney.

He is survived by his children, John Chaney Jr, and wife Dawn of Copan; daughter LouAnn Nelson and husband Todd of Skiatook; daughter Jania Whittaker and husband Lyle of Miller Mo; Daughter Julie Woody and partner Ronnie Hatheway of Copan. Two Stepchildren: Paul Fiddler and wife Tamara of Bartlesville; and Heidi Graham of Skiatook. Eight Grandchildren Anthony, Lindsay, Kyle, Jake, Ty, Samantha, Shelby and Morgan, Eleven Great Grandchildren Brenae, Braeley, Elias, Charli, Ellie, Benton, Ellie, Ava, Evelyn, Daniel and Lila and two Brothers, Lon Chaney and wife Becky of Copan, and Bob Chaney and wife Kerry of Dewey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Legends Classic Livestock Jackpot scholarship fund that began last summer in memory of Dwayne Messner, Brian Little, Randy Pirtle, and Patty Anderson. John had

great respect for all 4 of these individuals, the deaths of Dwayne and Brian were particularly difficult for him, as they had been very close friends. He was very involved in 4H growing up, showing cattle and having multiple Grand Champions at both the InterState Fair in Coffeyville and the Washington County Fair in Dewey. Please send donations to:

Legends Classic Jackpot

PO Box 362

Caney, Ks 67333

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Community Baptist Church
12950 N 4000 Rd
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall



“ *Tcbc Cole lit a candle in memory of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr.*



Tcbc Cole - March 14, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - November 13, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, John.*

KRISTY FOX - October 30, 2024 at 01:09 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Recording*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - October 25, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SK

Gosh I will sure miss him his love n laughter was amazing he always had a smile on his face God bless u all so sorry hugs n prayers rip cuz will c u again someday .

Shawna King-keith - October 25, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MP

“ *Respectfully.. My name is Michael and I grew up in Copan .*

I worked for John and Mrs Donna Chaney at the Copan restaurant along with many other high school friends.. I grew up at the truck stop. John was a good Man.. Prayers for the family 🙏 God bless..



Michael Patrick - October 23, 2024 at 10:09 PM

DM

“ *Dan & Robin Woolsey and Stanley Morris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr..*



Dan & Robin Woolsey and Stanley Morris - October 23, 2024 at 07:54 PM

DB

“ *John was a good guy, he loved to tease. But what I remember most was he was good to my Sister Dynda when she rented from him years ago. Always a good man.*

Deniece Hitchcock Bush - October 23, 2024 at 01:27 AM

KM

“ I will miss John, my classmate and friend of many years. He always kidded me of being the oldest, when his birthday was in June, mine being in August. I now live in Las Vegas, so we began visiting on our phones. The last was a few weeks ago. To all of the family, I am so sorry. Prayers.

Kay Maddox - October 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr.



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - October 22, 2024 at 04:30 PM

LG

“ Love Nic, Lindsay, Elias & Baby Grimwood purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr..



Love Nic, Lindsay, Elias & Baby Grimwood - October 22, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr..



October 21, 2024 at 06:14 PM

RT

“ Ranee & Madisin Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Donald Chaney Sr..

Ranee & Madisin Taylor - October 21, 2024 at 06:14 PM