



John Thomas Jacobs

October 16, 1930 - May 22, 2020

John Thomas Jacobs, 89, died in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on May 22, 2020. He was born on October 16, 1930 in Purcell, Oklahoma to Ila Kilpatrick Jacobs and Harden Reynolds Jacobs. He graduated from Purcell Highschool and then went on to study at Oklahoma Baptist University and East Central University. John served in the United States Army and fought courageously during the Korean War.

He married Margaret Coots on August 1, 1956. The couple was married for 63 years and raised four children together. John was a hard-working, family man who raised not only his children but his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He often worked several jobs at a time to support his family which included working 34 years at Oklahoma Natural Gas.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Ila Jacobs, father, Harden Jacobs, sisters Cleo Bailey, Sally Northcutt, Elizabeth Alexander, brothers Bob Jacobs and James Jacobs and son, Steven Thomas Jacobs.

John is survived by his wife, Margaret Jacobs, daughters Gail Seward and husband Jeff of Broken Arrow, Lisa Phillips and husband Brian of Claremore and Cathy Witherow of Bartlesville, grandchildren Kylee Hamlin, Tanner Henry, Aaron Phillips and wife Grace, Jed Phillips, Mona Allain and husband Michael, Wyatt Seward and wife Necia and Jordan Seward and wife Cierra, great-grandchildren Riylee Shields, Daly Shields, Kylynn Shields, Jax Allain, Riya Seward, Koen Seward, Liby Seward.

Rosary will be held at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Mass Wednesday May 27, St.

John Catholic Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Interment will be at the Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, Oklahoma.

A tribute from John's children:

How do you say goodbye to the person who has been with you since your first breath? John Thomas Jacobs was a great man --- strong, wise, humble, kind, selfless and honery. He loved life and everyone in his life, family and strangers, and OU football.

But what was special was the Way he loved everyone – Unconditionally... Never ever giving up on anyone, with the patience of Jobe.

He loved our mother for 63 years – totally, faithfully, with every fiber of his being. Together they raised 4 children and helped raise 2 more generations. They created a home full of happiness, love, and Jesus. I remember every night growing up seeing them on opposite sides of the bed kneeling and praying. They taught us right and wrong, how to work hard, and always believed in us. They told us we could be anything we wanted to be, and we believed them. If we fell, Dad would ask us if we hurt the floor...If we said something was hard, he would say “Nothing to it.” And if we ever felt sorry for ourselves, he would tell us to “Quit taking yourself so serious.” But when we were really worried, he would tell us to just to take it one day at a time, and if not a day... an hour, and if not an hour... one minute at a time. We believed we could do anything because he believed in us and we also knew he would be there if we needed him -Always!

Dad was strong and he was a fighter. He beat lung and brain cancer. And when the doctor said he only had 3 months to live, Dad told us God kept telling him everything would be alright. And it was---

Dad was 89 when he died, (or as he would say, “a young 89”), but he told us several years ago he had prayed, and God had given him extra years. His father had died at the age of 82 and Dad thought he would too. We think God must have given him 7 extra years, and 7 is the perfect number in the Bible. He was so humble—He served in the Korean War and always laughed that he

was glad he could type because they needed him in the office. But he always downplayed the time he was on the front line and they heard a noise in the bushes ahead of them. His commanding officer told him to go ahead and see what it was –Dad said it was only a mother cat and her kittens –But He Went! I don't think he ever realized how much courage that took.

He worked at ONG for 34 years – and often had a second job to make ends meet. He sacrificed his whole life to give us a better life.

The sweetest thing I've heard this week was from his great-grandson. The day Dad passed away he said, "This will be all over the news tomorrow!" It wasn't, but it should have been. The world didn't know one of the greatest men that ever lived just left us....

But not for long! God gave my sister this verse: John 11:4 says "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

So, thank you Daddy for loving all of us unconditionally – we Saw and we Know Jesus because of you!

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 27. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. John Catholic Church
715 S. Johnstone Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-4353
<http://stjohn-bartlesville.org>

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Thomas Jacobs*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *John Thomas Jacobs*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Gail, Lisa, Cathy and your brother Steve have been so lucky to have such great parents. I have never seen your Mom & Dad without joyfulness in their voices when they talked about any one of you. And let's be honest there may have been a time or two you guys gave them a challenge as parents. Over the last 50 years I have enjoyed running into your folks out shopping. They make me laugh as they shared stories about you and your families and of course they were always kind enough to ask about mine. How lucky to have your Dad around for so long, that is a lot of great memories to keep in your heart. Peace to you and your Mom.*

Janet (Tierney) Honeycutt

Janet Honeycutt - July 01, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Tom and I worked together at the Gas Service Company. He was always in a good mood and would always do what you asked him to do. I always enjoyed visiting with Tom. The last time I saw Tom, he was with his wife in Wal-Mart. We talked about the good times we had. We also discussed a lot. of our co-workers and decided we would both outlive most of them. I guess it is time to say "good by". Take care old buddy!!!!

Lew Wamsley

Lewis Wamsley - May 28, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - May 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Jacobs.



May 26, 2020 at 11:36 PM

RS

“ My Uncle Tommy & Aunt Margie showed me how two can become one. I am certain that my sweet Uncle is now busy constructing the most beautiful Mansion in Heaven For his Beloved wife. This Mansion will have many rooms because he always wanted his family near. He will be so happy to see his son has begun this glorious home. I imagine Steve has the beautiful inside garden completed. They meet daily “ In the Garden,” in joyous fellowship with his parents, sisters , brother, in laws, relatives & friends. I know Uncle Tommy will be hard at work as he was in life to prepare the perfect home for the woman he adored. It is my Uncle’s great LOVE that helps me cope with the grief his wife & family feel.

Rebekah Stewart - May 26, 2020 at 11:05 PM

GM

My uncle TOMMY has the purists heart of any man I have ever known. His heart ❤️ was all love. Uncle you will live in my heart forever

GAY (Kate) Meter - May 27, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RS

“ Rebekah Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thomas Jacobs



Rebekah Stewart - May 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of being acquainted with John in person since early 2019. We shared many short yet sweet conversations. He always expressed interest towards what was going on in my world. (And boy would I tell him) His enthusiasm towards me and others was an inspiration that lifts ones spirit. I will always be thankful that God placed him in the path of life for us to share time together. I miss you John. We will talk again.



Bryan Cargill - May 26, 2020 at 03:23 PM