



## John Ray James

October 26, 1943 - July 17, 2019

John Ray James, 75, of Dewey, Oklahoma, died Wednesday, July 17, 2019. John was born October 26, 1943 in Lawton, Oklahoma to parents Noel Ray and Ellen Ann (Meek) James. He graduated from Dewey High School in 1962. John then attended NSU in Tahlequah where he received his Associates Degree.

John married the love of his life Darlene (Ward) James on August 1, 1975. They were married for 44 years. During that time, one constant source of pride was their daughter, Sami.

He worked for Aetna Financial, Plaza Bank, several oil businesses and owned private businesses.

Sami brought joy to John like nothing else. A constant sight in Dewey was John and Darlene following Sami's adventures but especially her softball career. One of his many claims to fame is he never missed one of her softball games. From little league and summer ball to Dewey Lady Bulldogger Softball. But it didn't end there. John still never missed a game as Sami's career continued at NEO and the University of Arkansas.

John is known as a successful breeder and racer of horses. John and his horses have won numerous awards and races across the country.

The absolute best days of John's life were the days his grandchildren were born. They were his pride and joy!

John was preceded in death by his mother and father.

John is survived by his wife Darlene, of the home; daughter Sami Duffield and

husband Zach of Owasso; grandchildren Jaxson, Jesi and Jordi Duffield; one brother; several aunts and uncles; many cousins and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Dewey Lions Club at 300 E Angus Ave Dewey, Oklahoma 74029.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Stumpff Funeral Home. Funeral services will then be Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00 am, also at Stumpff Funeral Home with interment to follow at the Dewey Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

Highway 75 & Road 1300  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-2272

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 22.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

**JUL 23.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ray James*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *John Ray James*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry Darlene and Sami for the loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather. John loved you and loved life. Johnny and I are grateful to have shared some great moments with you and John.*



Suzie Oldham - July 23, 2019 at 10:57 AM



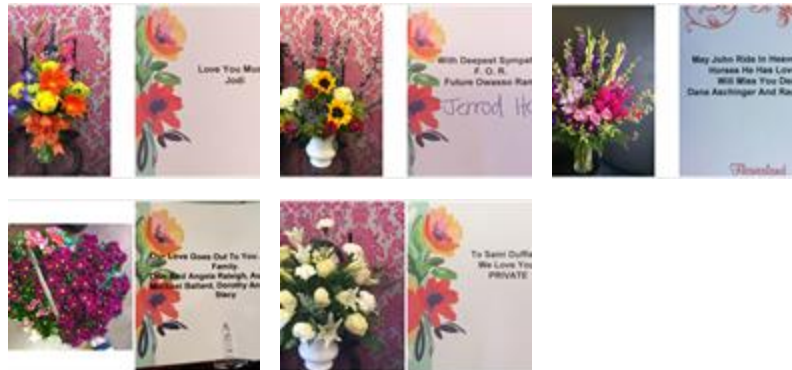
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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 23, 2019 at 09:42 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 22, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Love: Lolly, Julie Mo, & Betsy purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Ray James .



Love: Lolly, Julie Mo, & Betsy - July 22, 2019 at 02:21 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 22, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of John Ray James .



July 21, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ray James .



July 20, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ray James .



July 20, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ I will always remember those special times when the cousins got together at Grandma's house in Shawnee. We played in her yard, laughed until our sides hurt, and went downtown to the movies. If we were staying overnight, we would have pallets on Grandma's living room floor and would giggle until an adult would give us the order to be quiet and go to sleep!!!! Great memories.

**Vicki Evans** - July 20, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Ray James .*



July 19, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ray James .*



July 19, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Ray James .*



July 19, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *BRUCE & WILDA SWAIN purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Ray James*



**BRUCE & WILDA SWAIN** - July 19, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ray James .*



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July 19, 2019 at 09:15 AM