



## Mr. John Essley Medlen

December 31, 1946 - January 27, 2016

John E. Medlen (1946-2016)

John Essley Medlen was born December 31, 1946 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma. The first born son of Floyd Essley Medlen (1913-1973) and Margaret Esther Little Medlen (1921-2011). His siblings: Margaret Ellen (Sally) Bishop, Dewey; William Joseph Medlen (1949-2001); Robert Emmet Medlen, Dewey; Ricky Lee Medlen, Bartlesville; and Joe Taylor, Caney.

John Received his education from Copan and Caney Schools, graduating in 1966. John resided in Copan during his adolescent years and played football for the Copan Hornets in the mid-60s. He was also an avid OU sports fan. John served in the U.S. Army beginning November 1967 and was stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He was later sent to Vietnam in May 1968 where he was a Rifleman and Radio-Telephone Operator in Company A, First Battalion, 14th Infantry of the Division's Third Brigade. He was promoted to Army Specialist Four while serving in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in combat duty. John was proud of his service to his country and you will always see the U.S. Flag flying at his residence in Dewey. He married Nancy Jean Cooper (1948-1997) and together they had three children: Margaret Kathleen (Peggy), John Michael, and Sheryl Diane.

John passed away at 11:25 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at The

Journey Home in Bartlesville where he has resided since Thursday, January 21, following a lengthy illness. Arrangements for cremation were made through Stumpff Funeral Home with his ashes given to his children. His family and his dog, Sooner, will all greatly miss him.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 5th, at the Christian Church, 100 E. 4th, Caney, Kansas, officiated by Pastor Bill Wright.

In lieu of flowers, John's family asks that contributions be made to The Journey Home, 3406 SE Kentucky Ave, Bartlesville 7406 or via their website. The Journey Hone is a non-profit organization and through them John was given the gift of a beautiful, quiet, and peaceful place to spend the last days of his life surrounded by family.

Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Services

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
caney, KS 67333

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Essley Medlen*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. John Essley Medlen*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



Michele  
Cox

“ *Prayers for the Medlen family. Sorry for your loss.*

**Michele Cox** - February 05, 2016 at 09:51 PM



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“ *I had the privilege of daily visiting with John, a few years, at Phillips. Fantastic man, who loved to visit, but did his job well. Would do anything I asked and knew where everything was. He helped me earn my salary a few years. I called him this last Veteran's Day and we had a good visit. I know he was a "Tunnel Rat" in Vietnam and I believe that is the cause of his suffering the past few years and what killed . I honor and respect his memory. Notice of his death brought tears to my eyes. Jack Killingsworth*

**Jack Killingsworth** - January 29, 2016 at 04:04 PM