



Johnny Earl Rentfro

August 22, 1950 - January 29, 2021

Johnny Earl Rentfro, age 70, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, died January 29, 2021 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was born to Edna Faye Wells and Roy Earl Rentfro on August 22, 1950 in Pittsburg, Kansas. Johnny graduated from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas in 1968. He went to work for Phillips 66 in 1968 and retired in 2010 after 42 years as a Programmer and IT Tech. Johnny Married Ruth Ann Rentfro on May 23, 1970. Johnny received several awards and accolades in the ham radio and Emergency Management community. He loved serving with Kary Cox and the EOC. Johnny was an active member of the Ham community and helped with "Ham Rescue" to help people out with radio or Tower problems. He is preceded in death by his Mother, Edna Faye Wells, Father, Roy Earl Rentfro and Brother Rick. Johnny is survived by his Wife, Ruth, Two Brothers, Jeff, and Danny, two Sisters, Sue and Florence, Son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Tonya as well as five Grandkids with our Great Grandchild coming soon. Also, several nieces and nephews

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations in Johnny's name to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Earl Rentfro

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM

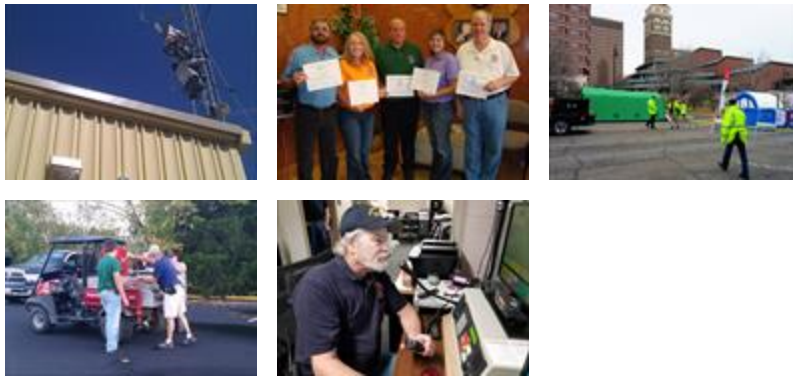


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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Kary Cox - March 03, 2021 at 12:14 PM



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Kary Cox - March 01, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Johnny's parents and my parents were best of friends. His dad was nephew to my dad so Johnny and his siblings are cousins to me and mine. Us going up to Kansas City to visit Johnny's family or his family coming to Pittsburg to visit us is among my fondest memories. Back then, if you wanted to visit family you just got in the car and went. Nobody even thought of calling ahead to see if it was convenient. Especially if it was a long distance call, as long distance calling was reserved for only the gravest emergencies.

I remember hearing Johnny's stories of when he worked at a truck stop and the petty thieves were always trying to hawk the 8-tracks, etc they'd stolen from vehicles on the lot. He was always friendly to me and had a good sense of humor. I will always regret that I didn't get to spend more time with him and hear his stories, of which he always seemed to have a good supply.

My prayers are with Ruth and the rest of his family.

Stan Smith

Stan Smith - February 06, 2021 at 09:51 PM

KC

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Kary Cox - February 04, 2021 at 09:59 PM

JB

“ I worked with Johnny for many many years at phillips. He was absolutely one of the best and when we had a problem to sort out, he was the one I wanted to work with.

The world is a poorer place without johnny

janis blanton - February 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

KW

“ I first met Johnny through Ruth she is my dear friend. First meeting her in 1989 then Johnny later on after she retired. We had grand kids that were born in the same year. He was quite the jokester great working on your computers and quite the Ham Radio operator also. I know that he will be dearly missed by Ruth. My sincere sympathy to my dear friend Ruth, Michael and his family.



Kay & Sonny White

Kay White - February 02, 2021 at 05:03 PM

EC

Im so sorry for your loss Ruth, Michael,

Ellen Cooper - February 06, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MT

I am a ham operator in Sullivan county Pa and have been talking to Johnny for quite a few years. He felt like family to me and many other ham operators as well. My uncle Robert Miller also from Bartlesville worked with him at philips 66. Johnny surely enriched many lives and will be missed greatly. Mike Torluccio N3XXH

Mike Torlucob - February 06, 2021 at 08:54 PM

KC

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Kary Cox - February 02, 2021 at 04:33 PM

Ron
Fetters

“ Johnny (N5XQK), was one of my very best and dearest friends! He was the type of man who would give a stranger the shirt off his back and the pants off his butt (just to be funny). But he seriously had a passion for his fellow person. He was always there to help a new ham operator learn the art of radio. He loved his wife Ruth with a passion that most women only dream of. She was his number one, no matter what the situation was. Johnny wanted to go to Dayton HamVention but turned it down every year because he did not want to leave Ruth alone.

Johnny, my friend I can not tell you how hard it has been on Desiree and Abigail. They loved getting hugs from you just as much (if not more) as you did getting them from them.

My friend I am not certain about much in this ol' life, but I am certain we will see on the other said, because we know you are sitting at the right had of God.

You have been a great friend from day one... So glad you got your Extra Class Operators License before you made your grand exit.

We Love You My Brother!

Ron Fetters - February 02, 2021 at 01:39 PM

KW

“ I had a lot typed here while being emotional before my internet dropped out and lost it. Prob a good thing. Typed stuff from how Johnny became the "Baconator" on the 11 O'clock round table on 147.06 at midnight making his nightly sandwich to taking him flying in my plane to Derby, KS to drop a radio off for repair and him being concerned about the grass fire smoke in our path, which I flew us around.

Yep at a MCARC Field Day sitting on the tailgate of his truck with him exhausted because he helped me so much, but had a hard time delegating with his part and me telling him we are not as young as we were a few years back and him saying he was going to keep on going as long as he could because the only thing he wanted on his tombstone was --- and he was looking me serious direct in the eye like he could do at times. ---- What he wanted on his tombstone was "He was the real deal" because that is what he wanted everyone to think of him. Which he was.

Yep he volunteered for more than he had hours in the day for, miles he could drive, more than he could possibly get done in the time he would have liked it to get done, but he wanted, down to his sole to do all he volunteered to do for the ham radio community.

When we all expire and walk in the gate of where ever we wind up. If we do not see a bunch of Rohn 25 towers sticking up all over the place, we will immediately know this is not where Johnny XQK is and know we have failed in life to have the dedication he had for ham radio. Most of us know what a loss this has been, a few, especially new hams have no idea. We will always miss him. WB5Y
Ken

Ken Duncan WB5Y - February 01, 2021 at 11:18 PM