



John William Banta

April 2, 1956 - December 31, 2022

John William Banta, age 66 of Norman, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2022. John was born April 2, 1956 in Shawnee, OK, the 2nd of 5 children born to Marlan Clinton Banta and Mary Ruth (Day) Banta. The son of an oil field worker, John lived in various places in his younger years, but always considered Tecumseh his home. He learned the value of hard work at a very young age, and joined his father in the oil field in his teens. His motto was "plan your work, work your plan", and he lived this throughout his life. John started as a tool pusher, and worked his way up the ranks. He worked for more than 43 years, and retired from Global Production Solutions as Permian Basin Sales Manager in 2021. By chance, he met a young lady named Linda. They both happened to be at a mutual friends on Thanksgiving weekend in 1984 when they met. It was love at first sight, and the rest as they say is history. Away from work, John enjoyed reading, and kept an immaculate yard. He was an avid collector of many things; coins, knives, guns and Harley Davidson motorcycles. He was the proud father of three daughters, Jana, Madison and Kennedy and an even prouder PaPa to Connor, Erin and Ford. He was a kind, generous man, who would loan you anything. But he was quick to remind you, "if you break it, you fix it". He was always willing to help, whether it was fixing a flat on the side of the road, or simply giving a little money to a young mother and her kids. He cherished Linda and spending quality time with his family. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by: his parents, Marlan and Mary Banta and a

brother, Clint Banta.

John is survived by: his wife, Linda of the home; daughters, Jana Weddle and husband David of McAlester, Madison Banta of Pawhuska and Kennedy McCall and husband Jake of Skiatook; brother Coy Banta and wife Tedi of Houston, TX; two sisters, Marla McCamey and husband Mike of Sapulpa and Tempest Sullivan and husband Ron of Sapulpa; his pride and joy, grandchildren, Connor Wilkinson, Erin Wilkinson and Ford McCall; several nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Little's Chapel. www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *A fine friend*

Clifford B. Jobes - January 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I had the pleasure of working with John and his father Marlan both, for several years. Both were top of the line gentlemen, friendly, knowledgeable, and sincere. They will be missed.*

Robert Lannom - January 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I really enjoyed having John and Linda as neighbors in Purcell. Linda's peonies we're amazing and John was right there when needed. My favorite story about him started when my eighty-year-old husband fell on the steep hill below our house. I called my children next door only to learn they were in Norman. They gave John a quick call to see if he may be at home. Yes, he was, but didn't have his shoes on. He ran barefoot across two yards and down the hill. (Never mind the rockst and sticker weeds.) By the time I hung up the phone and got outside, John was there. I love that story because it so illustrates who he was as a neighbor. Thinking of you Linda, and praying for comfort and divine guidance as you seek a new normal without him. 🌸🙏*

Laverne Gray - January 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Linda and family, Steve and I are sincerely sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during a very difficult time. Speaking on Steve's behalf, I know that he thoroughly enjoyed working with John and he will certainly be missed by many.

Prayers,

Steve and Robin Staggs

Steven Staggs - January 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Maddie,
Sending our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you.

Jarrett & Jacque Harmon

Jacqueline Harmon - January 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM



BA

“ Bobby and I want to extend our Condolences
to Johns family. God Bless you all at this time
and know one day you will see your sweet
John again.

Bobby and Tammy Athey - January 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

