



## John Marvin Owen

March 20, 1930 - December 31, 2021

John Marvin Owen was born on March 20, 1930, in Granite, Oklahoma, to Jo Ella Bowles and Tom Owen. He passed away on December 31, 2021, at the age of 91 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. John grew up in Mangum, Oklahoma, and faithfully served his country in the National Guard 45th infantry division. While in Korea, John drove a tank for 18 months and was honorably discharged with a rank of Sergeant. Upon his return to Willow, Oklahoma, John graduated high school in 1951 and attended college at the Sayre Junior College and Midwestern State University.

In 1959, John married the love of his life, Ethel Imogene “Jean” Owen and became a father to her three children, Iwanna Jean, Virginia, and Edgar, Jr. In 1963, John and Jean welcomed their daughter, Jeannie Suzanne, to their family.

John’s career began at the Willow Co-Op where he served as a bookkeeper and then manager. From there, John worked as a hospital administrator in both Elk City and Mangum. He then became office manager at Greer’s Funeral Home and then People’s Cooperative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf. At the age of 82, John retired to care for his dear wife who was aging in years. In 2015, they made their way to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to be near their daughter and her family.

John was a devoted Christian, husband, father, and grandfather. He is remembered for his service, faithfulness, wisdom, selflessness, and strength. A crafted musician, John was able to pick up any instrument and beautifully

play them. John also loved to read and was skilled with technology. Most of all, John enjoyed spending time with his family and serving as a song leader and deacon at the Willow Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife, Jean; his parents; one brother, Tommy; two sisters, Nita and Margie; two daughters, Jean Duncan and Virginia Johnson; and one grandson, Kirk Duncan.

John is survived by his children, Edgar Moore, Jr. and wife Clarice of Temecula, CA, Suzanne Birdwell and husband Richard of Stillwater, OK; 10 grandchildren, over 20 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services for John are scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 1:30 P.M. at the Willow Cemetery with Ken Hamilton officiating. The United States Army Honor Guard will perform graveside rites.

Public viewing for John will begin Monday, January 3, 2022, 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home, located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, 580-846-9018.

On-line condolences can be made for John by visiting [www.peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Marvin Owen*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *John Marvin Owen*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *My Mother, Johnie Skalicky wanted me to add this memory. She wanted me to express how John was greatly missed when he left the Mangum Hospital. It was never the same. She says everyone loved him. by Mike Skalicky*

**Mike Skalicky** - January 14, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Suzanne, my heart is saddened. You and your parents were so instrumental in my life and in the person I became. You all treated me as family. Family. I have memories to fill pages. I adored your parents. And you. How do you parse years of memories and feelings into a short message? I can't. John was so good to me in every possible way. I can't tell you how wonderful he was because you already know. I'm sad to hear that he has passed, but I rest in knowing he is with Jean. Their love lives on in heaven. I miss you, Suzanne, and think of you often.*

**Elizabeth Martin** - January 07, 2022 at 07:20 PM

TA

“ Suzanne so sorry to hear of your father’s passing. I have so many fond memories of both your parents.

Terry Allen

Terry Allen - January 04, 2022 at 10:06 PM

GJ

“ Emalee and I Loved John. He was so positive and caring, and respectful to all. He also, liked to dress very smartly when going out of the Villa, whether to church or just run errands. He loved his family and really cared for Suzanne. We really loved and appreciated him. Gary and Emalee Johnson, Stillwater Church of Christ

Gary Johnson - January 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM

SW

John was a very loving and caring person. He made everybody feel special. I know him from Christian Villa in Stillwater. I miss him very much.

Shelly wrede - January 04, 2022 at 03:23 PM

TW

“ Suzanne and Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I will always remember John as being kind, talented, detailed in his work, and a true gentleman. He and Jean were a lovely couple and pillars of the Willow Community. The world has lost a gracious and gentle man.



Travonna Baker Wootton - January 03, 2022 at 10:20 PM

LD

*Suzanne, Everyone loved John. So sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. John was smart, talented, and so kind and such a gentleman m. I loved Jean and John. Such a sweet couple. I remember going to your baby shower at Thelma Underwoods and how excited they were to have you. You and Terri Jayne spent a lot of hours together. Again sorry in the loss of your Daddy. You have many happy memories to sustain you. Hugs 💕*

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**Loretta Drake** - January 05, 2022 at 10:13 PM

SP

“*My heart is sad as I hear of John's passing. He and Jean were so special and so loving to me my whole life growing up in the Willow church of Christ. He was a classy man who elegantly led singing at church with his beautiful voice. Memories of precious memories flooding in but at last he and Jean are reunited again in Heaven. My love of sympathy and comfort to Suzanne.*

*Sherri Lou Hood Pryor*

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**Sherri Pryor** - January 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM

BS

*Deepest sympathy to the family. John was a good and caring man. He was always so helpful at the hospital and at the funeral home. Ray and Barbie Stover*

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**Barbie Stover** - January 02, 2022 at 08:44 PM

JB

*Growing up in the Willow community and member of the Church of Christ I have such warm and fond memories of John and Jean. Such a good Christian family. Prayers of comfort and peace to his family.*

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**Joyce (Tedford) Bryant** - January 03, 2022 at 11:03 AM

WT

*Suzanne and family, my heart aches for the loss of your sweet dad. He and Jean always were so kind and loving to everyone. I especially loved watching how much they loved each other and their families. Especially, you, Suzanne. I'm so blessed to have spent time in their presence. From arriving early on weekdays to catch the bus and then visiting in the evenings. Your family was always warm and welcoming. Hugs and love. May beautiful memories flood your mind as you grieve the loss of your dad. Willisa (Smith) Thompson*

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**Willisa Thompson** - January 03, 2022 at 01:35 PM

RC

*I will always remember John. He was my boss at Hospital., and later remained a friend. We talked a lot on phone. Will greatly missed.*

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**Ramona Chapman** - January 03, 2022 at 03:26 PM