



## John C. Godwin

May 23, 1944 - November 28, 2017

Johnny (John, Big John, Papa John) Chuck Godwin passed away Tuesday, November 28 after persevering through a long battle with cancer. John was born May 23, 1944 in Watonga, Oklahoma to Chuck and Nancy (Rose) Godwin and welcomed with love by his older sister Karen. He graduated from Central State College with a BA in Management and minor in Psychology and Economics. It was at Central State that he met the love of his life, Judy Kay Driver. They were married on April 1, 1966. If you knew John well, you knew his sense of humor and that it was quite fitting that he and Judy married on April Fools Day. John and Judy were blessed with two children, Terri Kay and John William. John's love for his children was deep and evident through his pride in and support of them. He was also blessed with four beautiful granddaughters Crystal and Jennifer Hillman of Ohio and Julia and Hannah Godwin of Tulsa who he enjoyed spending time with whenever possible. John loved life and lived to support his family and friends whenever possible. He was a loving and supportive son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always there to provide a helping hand, support others and their dreams, share in the happy moments and support in the trying times. John was an independent oil and gas producer and not only built a life as an oilman, but, helped many others get off the ground with their own businesses. In addition, John was passionate about volunteering and served in many organizations in his community. John was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Muskogee Bedouin Shrine, Okmulgee Elks and

the local Masonic Lodge. He shared his passion of the Bedouin Shrine with Judy in an effort to support Shriners Hospitals for Children. His volunteer work took him coast-to-coast attending events, special fundraisers and supporting causes close to his heart.

He was blessed to reconnect during the last years of his life and share a love with Harolene, who was his childhood friend in Watonga.

John was one of the strongest and most courageous men to walk this earth. He survived an oilfield fire that burned more than 40% of his body, broken bones, a four-year battle with cancer and several months battling until the end. No matter the diagnosis, you would often hear doctors, nurses or family members say "...but he's John Godwin. You don't know him." suggesting that he was not on the "normal" path others could expect. He was going to set the expectations and then exceed them.

John was preceded in death by his parents Chuck and Rose Godwin and his wife Judy Kay (Driver) Godwin. John is survived by his loving children; daughter Terri Kay Yater of Okmulgee, son John William and wife Stephanie and grandchildren Julia and Hannah Rose Godwin of Tulsa; granddaughters Crystal and Jennifer Hillman of Ohio; sister Karen Bringham and husband David of Weatherford and sister-in-law Linda Pat Colgan and husband Jim of Tulsa and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his extended family with Leroy Godwin including Wayne and Kim Richards and their children Logan and Regan; John David and Jennifer Richards and daughter Rainey; and Rhonda Richards and daughter Casey.

John was an optimistic fighter who kept his hopeful attitude and sense of humor through it all. For those fortunate enough to spend any time with him, he was an inspiration for how to live life even in his final months and days.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 4, at First United Methodist Church, Okmulgee. Interment will follow immediately at Okmulgee Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Bedouin Shrine Transportation Fund at P. O. Box 1667 Muskogee, Oklahoma

74402 or the Elks Major Projects at 701 S Mission Lane, Okmulgee,  
Oklahoma 74447.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home  
of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on  
John's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Okmulgee  
8th Street and Seminole  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Godwin*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Michelle Langley lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Michelle Langley** - December 04, 2017 at 03:18 PM



Jonathan Matlock

“ *John and Judy's house is where a lot of good memories were made! Praying for you all he was one of the good guys.*



**Jonathan Matlock** - December 04, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *John, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Jerilyn Schultz** - December 04, 2017 at 11:16 AM

CN

“ I knew John through our volunteer work on the SOER Committee Advisory Council. He was always a lot of fun to be around and I really enjoyed the time with him. It was obvious that he was an amazing man and he impacted many lives for the better, including mine! My heart and prayers go out to the family.



Chris Neurohr - December 04, 2017 at 10:52 AM

EL

“ Ernest Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin



Ernest Ledbetter - December 03, 2017 at 04:03 PM

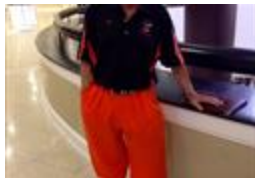
EL

John was a great guy as was Judy our thoughts and prayers with the kids John and Terri

Ernest Ledbetter - December 03, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DL

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David Luster - December 01, 2017 at 01:45 PM

LV

“ Johnny Chuck was a second or third cousin...never did get it straight. First met him in the 1950s at a family reunion at Roman Nose State Park near Watonga. He was a couple years younger but showed this city boy how to go hunt snake skins in the hills. Was struck then and every time I saw him thereafter by his warm friendliness and winning smile & sense of fun. Would go 20 years without seeing him only to feel like it had only been yesterday...instant connection always because of his contagious, playful, winsome warmth and attitude. John was upbeat even in the final, difficult years. "Cuz" will be missed.

Larry Valentine  
Wildwood, Missouri  
for the Glen & Janice Boyd Valentine family (Glenda, Jerry, Larry, Jan)

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**Larry Valentine** - December 01, 2017 at 10:38 AM

RK

“ Condolences to your family John. Remember the pledge sneak where you stepped on a board in the water? Only problem was you making a waterski out of it! Sure glad we had lots of beer to “sterilize” it with! Be seeing you soon. Ron Keeley

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**ron keeley** - November 30, 2017 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ I have such fond memories of John and our old college days. He was such an inspiration to so many and he will be missed. Peace and strength to his friends and family during their time of grief. - Jeff Brown

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**Jeff Brown** - November 30, 2017 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



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**david miller** - November 30, 2017 at 02:49 PM

BL

“ *Bill And Mimi Lyons lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



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**Bill and Mimi Lyons** - November 30, 2017 at 01:31 PM

JC

“ *Jeneane Campbell lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



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**Jeneane Campbell** - November 30, 2017 at 12:51 AM



“ *My friend, my Brother, your smile and your grip will be greatly missed. I am glad we were able to drink from Life's true Elixir together!*



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**Stephen Ridenour** - November 30, 2017 at 12:04 AM

AD

“ *Allan And Sandra Davidson lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Allan and Sandra Davidson** - November 29, 2017 at 08:48 PM

VB

“ *Veronica Biddle lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Veronica Biddle** - November 29, 2017 at 03:14 PM

EL

“ *Ernest Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Ernest Ledbetter** - November 29, 2017 at 03:13 PM

LC

“ *Prayers for the family. John you will be missed.*



**Loyd and Debbie (Sprouse) Cobb** - November 29, 2017 at 01:09 PM

NM

“ Nancy Hummel Melton lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin



Nancy Hummel Melton - November 29, 2017 at 12:14 PM

CT

“ Chuck Tiessen lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin



Chuck Tiessen - November 29, 2017 at 11:07 AM

CT

RIP GOOD GODWIN ....

Chuck Tiessen - November 29, 2017 at 11:08 AM

CE

“ John and family, so sorry to hear about John. Your mom and dad were dear friends of our family.

Steve and Connie Ewing  
Steven and Delmy Ewing  
Julie and Josh Proctor



Connie Ewing - November 29, 2017 at 10:40 AM

JW

“ *Janie Weller lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



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**Janie Weller** - November 29, 2017 at 10:39 AM

BA

“ *John and family, so sorry to hear about your dad. Praying for you all strength, comfort and peace.*



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**Becky Arnold** - November 29, 2017 at 08:48 AM

LB

“ *I loved John and Judy. They were good friends and my life was richer for having known them. My heart goes out to their family now...praying for your peace and strength.*

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**Linda Boyd** - November 29, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Godwin Family.*



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**Jenny Bridgman** - November 29, 2017 at 07:38 AM

Lisa Schrantz

“ *Lisa Schrantz lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Lisa Schrantz** - November 29, 2017 at 01:49 AM

LS

“ *Linda Sains lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Linda Sains** - November 29, 2017 at 12:09 AM

LS

*Jim Lonsdale and I are very sad to hear this. We truly loved John and Judy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Treasure the memories.*

**Linda Sains** - November 29, 2017 at 12:12 AM

SW

“ *Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of John C. Godwin*



**Suzanne Wise** - November 28, 2017 at 11:42 PM