



## Louis Joseph Costanza

February 26, 1945 - March 14, 2018

Louis Joseph Costanza entered the arena of life on Monday, February 26, 1945 in Amite, Louisiana to the late Phillip and Lucy (Ruffino) Costanza. He entered the herd of Heaven on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at his home in Okmulgee surrounded by his family. Louis was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War and was discharged at the age of 22. He came from Louisiana to attend horse shoeing school in Sperry, Oklahoma. He later met the love of his life Cindy Huckabee during a horse show at the Tulsa State Fair and they married on June 18, 1971 in Broken Arrow. His love of horses led him to begin training for Harold Hudspeth. He then began his own training business in 1971 which included many champions in halter, reining, roping, barrel, and cutting. But later only focused on training cutters, while also raising World Champion quarter horses. He could get a horse broke like no other and was known for his work ethic and knowledge of the industry. In his spare time he went fishing and enjoyed playing cards with his grandchildren. Louis also enjoyed going to horse sales and watching the Barrett-Jackson car sales on TV. His all time favorite movie was Lonesome Dove and he could quote the whole movie and expected you to be able as well. Louis also was a member of AQHA and NCHA.

Preceding Louis in death are his parents. Left to cherish all of the wonderful memories of Louis is his wife Cindy of 46 years, daughter Malissa Costanza-Tittle, son Brian Costanza and wife Terry, Mark Tittle, grandchildren Mason Cole Tittle, Avery Ann Tittle, Nicholas Joseph Costanza, Andrew Louis

Costanza, sisters Virginia Fisher, Laura Costanza, and Mary Perrin and husband Iggy, brother Sonny Costanza and wife Lynette, sister-in-law Sharon Roach and husband Kenny, brother-in-law Patrick Huckabee and wife Rhonda, and a host of other in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He also had more friends than he could count.

A funeral service for Louis will be held 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Crossroads Baptist Church in Beggs, Oklahoma. Interment will follow at the Morris Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Monday, March 19 from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. A Rosary service will be held 7:00 P.M. Monday, March 19 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
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## Rosary

MAR 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
Beggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis Joseph Costanza



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 18, 2018 at 08:16 PM

LF

*You meet people from all across the world but those few very special ones are always etched forever in your memory. Louis was one of those people, a man whom I am proud to say I knew may he Rest In Peace - condolences to the costanza family from all of us in Australia that had the pleasure of this mans company in days gone by xoxoxo*

lesley tanner ferguson - March 19, 2018 at 09:44 AM

FA

*Although I had not seen Louis in many years, I still considered him a friend. He was a great friend in school and beyond. We had many great laughs and back aches building fences for Olin, but we were always rewarded in some way. I know he will be missed and prayers go out to he family.*

FRANK W. ARD - March 19, 2018 at 06:15 PM

GH

*We have known Louis since the early 1980's. He was always a gentlemen first, a man of few words and a man who I have never heard say a bad word about anyone. His true reflection of a man can be seen when you look at the wonderful children he has and the love from a wife that never withered. So remember all the years he came to the cuttings and what a great horseman he was. Louis was a friend you can go a year or two without seeing, but when you did see him it was as if it was yesterday when we last spoke. No doubt Louis. You will make the cut. God Bless and RIP.*

**Greg and Della Hillerman** - March 19, 2018 at 09:08 PM

BS

*so sorry to hear of Louis' passing and I know he will be sorely missed by all who knew him and his family for sure. I hadn't seen him in years, but know he was a great man, husband, father, friend and horse trainer. may his memories give you peace and comfort in the long, lonely days and years ahead. Beau Smith*

**Beau Smith** - March 20, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ *Louis Joseph Costanza*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Toni Stafford lit a candle in memory of Louis Joseph Costanza*



**Toni Stafford** - March 20, 2018 at 01:43 AM

CW

“ *Crystal Ward lit a candle in memory of Louis Joseph Costanza*



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**Crystal Ward** - March 19, 2018 at 05:40 PM

Judy Ballard

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Louis was a great trainer and a super person to know.. So sad to hear of his passing. Bud and Judy Ballard*

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**Judy Ballard** - March 17, 2018 at 11:51 PM

JF

“ *Cindy, so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thought are with you and your family. Judy Fields.*



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**Judy Fields** - March 17, 2018 at 11:31 AM

RK

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Costanza family. Louis was one of our favorite customers and will be missed.*

*Ralph Kovarik at the barber shop*

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**Ralph Kovarik** - March 16, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JB

“ Cindy so very sorry to hear of your husband's passing, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Joyce (Elam) Battles & Jackie (Elam) Cooper*

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**Joyce Elam Battles** - March 15, 2018 at 09:00 PM

TN

“ I know Roy Burgess Jr absolutely loved this man and we all learned how to be better people and better horsemen from him! What a absolutely amazing man and family!!! Our hearts break for you and we pray but know now he is up in the Heavens riding Docs Prescription and he and Roy are laughing and comparing stories... what a homecoming that must have been!



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**tayna northrop** - March 15, 2018 at 07:45 PM

RL

*Cindy I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers . Hugs my friend !*

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**Robbie Loyd** - March 16, 2018 at 09:50 AM

KW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and the days to come.  
*Krista Tittle Wright and family.*

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**Krista Tittle Wright** - March 15, 2018 at 06:32 PM

GB

“ *Cindy and family: we are so sorry for your loss. Louis was such a great Horseman and always a gentleman. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Gene and Donna K Baucom Gable Rock Ranch*

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**Gene & Donna Kay Baucom** - March 15, 2018 at 12:59 PM

CR

“ *CLAYTOR RANCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis Joseph Costanza*



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**CLAYTOR RANCH** - March 15, 2018 at 10:08 AM

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“ *CINDY, MELISSA AND BRIAN AND YOUR FAMILIES- OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LOUIS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW. GOD HOLD, COMFORT AND BLESS YOU ALL. --THE CLAYTOR FAMILY--MIKE, SHERI, MISHAEL AND MARLI*

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**CLAYTOR RANCH** - March 15, 2018 at 10:03 AM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss. A very good man.*

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**Jimmy McClendon** - March 15, 2018 at 07:06 AM

GS

“ Cindy, Bryan, Melissa, grands, Virginia, Laura, Sonny, Mary...words cannot express the sadness we feel for all of you. We grew up with the good fortune of the Costanzas and Fishers being our neighbors. Hardworking and salt of the Earth fine people. Our parents had the highest esteem for Mr. Phillip and "Miss" Lucy and the entire family. Daddy and Mr. Olan were great buddies. Daddy loved the horses the way Louis did however he did not live long enough to be as accomplished. As kids we remember Louis as being an older handsome young guy who was also starched and ironed to perfection with a cowboy hat on just like in the western shows we grew up watching. Virginia and Laura were so good to us when we lost our youngest brother Daryl unexpectedly after surgery 4 years ago on the 12th of March. We planned his funeral on the 14th and our Grandpa Sharkey died on the 14th in 1968. 😭 I believe special people go home in March. I hear marvelous stories of you all often and know Louis continued the life he was raised in...goodness, kindness and love of God, family, friends and fellow man. My belief is he got a direct flight! With love and understanding my brother Alan and I send you our heartfelt condolences and our prayers go up for each and every one of you ❤️



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Glenda Sharkey - March 15, 2018 at 03:49 AM