



## John Wayne Jarrett

August 20, 1956 - October 14, 2021

John Jarrett died exactly as he would have wanted to, playing bridge and eating food his doctors told him not to, with his girlfriends.

John was born in Springfield, MO on August 20, 1956. He spent 3 years as a young child living in Germany with his mom and step-dad. They lived on the economy above the local bakery. The baker adopted little Johnny and taught him some German and baking. For the rest of his life he enjoyed using his elementary German at any opportunity and even diabetes couldn't diminish his love of baked goods.

John graduated from Waynesville High School in 1974. He was everybody's favorite dance partner. He went to University of Missouri Columbia and graduated with a degree in secondary education and later earned his masters as well.

John started working at a young age, serving truckers and late-night diners at Champlin's Truck Stop. He knew what it took to give good service and was known to tip well. He made friends with servers and was a regular at the West Side Cafe and the Hub. He often talked about opening his own restaurant, but was probably better suited to hobby catering for friends and family.

He spent most of his career as a social studies teacher in the Waynesville R-6

school district, retiring in 2010. He used to grow a beard for the start of school so he would look more tough and serious, but it was hard to hide his true nature. He loved his students and especially the 8th grade trips he would take to Washington DC. The students could hardly keep up with his “Washington Walk.”

John liked to keep things interesting and took time away from teaching to explore other ventures over the years. He sold real estate, worked as outside sales for Columbia Florist Supply, and sold books at different times. He and Ann also owned and operated the Sears Catalog store in St. Robert for many years. He and Ann were true partners, each one supporting the other in their professional paths over the years.

John was a member of the Pulaski County Democrats. His Republican friends mostly didn't hold it against him. He loved history and served a term as president of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation. While he and Ann owned the Sears store, John was active in the local Chamber of Commerce. For several years, he served as the Deacon for Education at the Rolla Church of Christ. He and Ann were nominated for Citizen of the Year the same year, but Ann won the award. He joked that it was only fair since he had defeated her in high school for student body president.

John always said the only reason he had kids was so he could have grandkids. He couldn't have been happier with his four grandchildren. Whether playing in the pool or sneaking off for ice cream, Pop Pop knew how to have a good time. John was truly interested in people and loved to make a connection, sometimes uncomfortably so. He would feed you whether you wanted to eat or not. He was always there for a friend and never met a stranger. You always knew when John Jarrett was in the room, either because you heard him laughing or crying (he was never afraid to show his feelings) or because you smelled his signature Polo cologne. He lived big and loved big.

The world is a little dimmer without him in it.

John is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ann, of the home; two children: Jessica Moore (Marcus) of Petaluma, CA, and Clinton Jarrett (Lisa) of Laquey, MO; four grandchildren; Tyler Jarrett, Blake Jarrett, Jonas Moore, and Elaine Moore; one sister: Lisa Mills (Matt) of Richland, MO; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Waylene Reavis and Rollin Jarrett, and step-mother Hattie Jarrett.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of John Jarrett to the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, Mt. View Cemetery Fund, or the Pulaski County Fair Board and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. View Cemetery**

Richland, MO

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

## **Funeral Service**

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I met John (and Ann) at the Stadium Blvd. Church of Christ when I arrived at Mizzou for my freshman year in the Fall of 1977. I also had the pleasure of singing with a group from church at their wedding about a year later. John was one of the kindest and funniest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. His laughter was infectious! He was a true gentleman with the spirit of a gentle man. Belated condolences to Ann and family. Godspeed John, until we meet again!

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**Mike Spurlock** - December 23, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ John Wayne Jarrett

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

SK

“ You will forever be in our hearts and thoughts, John Jarrett. Thank you for supporting the Wood Dazzling Divas, cooking scrumptious pork roast for our monthly staff potlucks, and allowing me to be an integral part of 6th Grade Team Oz. You were such a wonderful blessing to your teammates, colleagues, students, parents, and staff.

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**SKCampbell** - February 07, 2022 at 09:33 PM

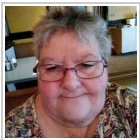
TM

“ *Ann and Family, I am so sorry to hear about John. So happy that I got to see him before this happened. John and I had so much fun when he came to the dental office and I always looked forward to seeing him. I was just informed of his passing today, as I have been out of town. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be so missed by me, what a great guy he was.*

*Trish*

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**Trish McCalla** - November 02, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Ann, and family, I am so sorry to hear about John. I remember all the fun we had at the beginning of the school year functions, and John was usually the life of the party, there was certainly not a dull moment when John was around.*

*My prayers are for peace and comfort for you and your family at this time.*

*I know God will carry you through.*



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**Janice Howell** - October 19, 2021 at 07:31 PM

CS

“ *My sister and I always enjoyed and appreciated John's company at several of our family funerals. So sorry you have lost him so suddenly. Connie Nickels Simmons*

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**Connie Nickels Simmons** - October 19, 2021 at 01:56 PM

AC

“ We are saddened by the loss of your loved one. Prayers for the family of a great citizen of our community.



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**Annette & Bill Catts** - October 19, 2021 at 12:11 PM

TC

“ Ann,  
Just heard the sad news, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I always enjoyed working with John, out at Wood Middle, he always had time to visit. He had the most pleasant and infectious laugh I ever heard. I saw John earlier this year at Smittys, and got to have a nice chat with him. Please take care of yourself, John is in good hands.  
Tim Cruise

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**Tim Cruise** - October 19, 2021 at 11:51 AM

CC

“ I'm gonna miss seeing u at my job or Walmart or anywhere and you thanking me for paying ur social security lol you were a amazing man and teacher rip

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**corey caldwell** - October 19, 2021 at 10:26 AM

SF

“ I've known John since grade school he was always so much fun to be around he will be missed by his family and community and all of his schoolmates who graduated in 1974 with him he knew you anywhere he saw you we all loved his laugh



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**Stephanie Fenton** - October 18, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DB

“ *Dianne Bailey lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Dianne Bailey** - October 18, 2021 at 04:46 PM

LQ

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Ann and her family about the loss of John. John and I would meet someplace and go out to lunch .We had a great time chatting about our lives and I would be introduced by John to his friends. Practically anywhere we go for luncheon, John knew everyone and had a pleasant caring attitude with everyone, I will greatly miss John for his positive attitude and caring feelings. John, you left everyone too soon. May you Rest in Peace.*

*Lee Quick*

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**Lee Quick** - October 18, 2021 at 01:13 PM

PJ

“ *My remembrance of John is Joyful. I don't remember many times that he wasn't smiling and sharing happy energy with everyone around him. We need more John Jarretts in the world. He will be missed by so many. God speed, John.*

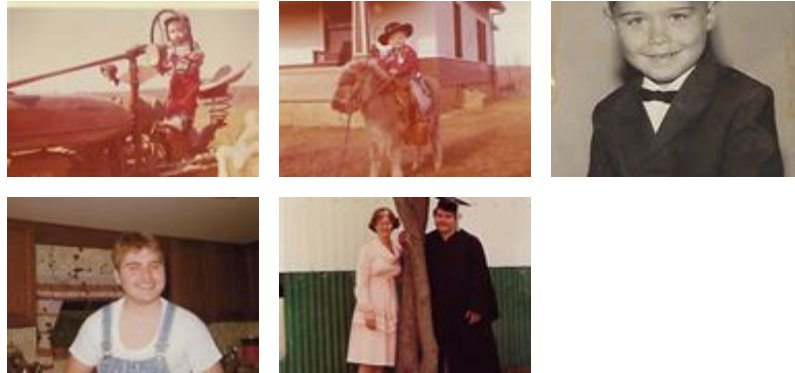


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**Pam David Johnson** - October 18, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - October 18, 2021 at 11:43 AM

CH

“ *John certainly made people feel welcome, comfortable, and loved! He is surely lighting up heaven with infectious energy. I'll continue to cherish memories of laughing, dancing, and playing cards with my high school friend. Love you, John! Deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.* ❤️🙏❤️

**Carolyn Falge Hurd** - October 18, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JT

“ *Was blessed to get to know John when he came over to Partridge to work. My thoughts and love to all his loving family*



**Janis Thompson** - October 17, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Mary Haas** - October 17, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *He very patiently attempted to teach me to play Bridge along with Jean Laughlin. Ironic that we lost them both in the same year.*

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**Linda Gifford** - October 17, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Enjoyed working with him at the Old Middle School. He will be missed. He could make you laugh and we always had fun. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Lucy Adams** - October 17, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Always a smile that lit up a room. Rest In Peace John. You will be missed.*



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**Beth Wiles** - October 16, 2021 at 11:02 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Marge Scott** - October 16, 2021 at 10:13 PM

JY

“ *Janet Weber York sent a virtual gift in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Janet Weber York** - October 16, 2021 at 09:19 PM

MB

“ *Ann, Jessica, and Clinton, I am so very sorry! To know John was to love him! You are in my prayers!*

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**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - October 16, 2021 at 09:11 PM

MM

“ *John was such fun to be around. His smile was always a light in the world. He will be greatly missed. Condolences and prayers to Ann and family*

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**Margaret and John Mackey** - October 16, 2021 at 06:12 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - October 16, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JL

“ *I always loved it when John arrived. I know he will be missed by many.*

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**Janet Lane** - October 16, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BF

“ *Bill Farnham lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Bill Farnham** - October 16, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MB

“ Wonderful memories of an outstanding educator, a good friend, and a caring individual. Great sense of humor!

*Praying for comfort for family and friends.*

*There is no limit to the compassion of our Lord. It is boundless and deep like the ocean and all the troubles and sorrows in human life can never fill the depth of His loving.*

*"All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full." Ecclesiastes 1:7*

*Your hearts will never be full of the sweet memories of John.*

*Marie Brown*

*Stoutland, MO 65567*

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**Marie Brown** - October 16, 2021 at 10:01 AM

CN

“ Charlene Nalley sent a virtual gift in memory of John Wayne Jarrett



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**Charlene Nalley** - October 16, 2021 at 03:11 AM

SW

“ John was my special friend! So sweet and good to me and my family. We became close these past few years and I will miss him greatly. Love to all his family who he loved dearly and talked of always. Good night sweet Prince. May angels carry you to Heaven.



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**Suzanne Wauthier** - October 15, 2021 at 10:47 PM

SW

“ *Suzanne Wauthier lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



Suzanne Wauthier - October 15, 2021 at 10:42 PM

LB

“ *Ann, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I remember you and John very well from high school. You are both awesome people.*

Louise Hood Bishop - October 15, 2021 at 10:20 PM

TA

“ *John was one of the sweetest men I ever knew. His laugh was infectious! He was funny, inspiring, and kind. He loved Ann and his family with all his heart. God speed my friend. My love to Ann.*  
*Tina Anderson (Massey)*

Tina Anderson - October 15, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TL

“ *Teresa Gordon Livengood lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



Teresa Gordon Livengood - October 15, 2021 at 09:10 PM

CJ

“ *Carlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**carlene jackson** - October 15, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Sending love to your family*

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**Judith Learmann** - October 15, 2021 at 08:59 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Shirley Henry** - October 15, 2021 at 08:57 PM

DL

“ *I have been gone from Waynesville for quite some time, but I remember John and Ann Jarrett. They were a wonderful couple. My Condolences to Ann in the loss of John. Dr. Carl Larsson*



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**Dr. Carl Larson** - October 15, 2021 at 07:47 PM

MB

“ *Millie Howlett Brotherton lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - October 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Pamela Cox** - October 15, 2021 at 05:07 PM



*There are just some people in the community who become more like family. John was one of those. Always ready to reach out always smiling and spreading joy. He will be missed.*

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**Charli Rosipal-Hartley** - October 15, 2021 at 09:53 PM

CD

“ *Such a great citizen, family man, and human being! He truly cared and turned his caring into action!! Our thoughts and prayers are with John's family and friends! He will truly be missed!*

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**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - October 15, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Katherine Galbraith lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Jarrett*



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**Katherine Galbraith** - October 15, 2021 at 04:04 PM

CB

“ *John, one of my dearest friends at WHS.... RIP to a great person, and many many condolences to Ann and family.....*

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**Cathy Gollither Burris** - October 15, 2021 at 03:56 PM

LH

“ *Love to the Jarrett family. I will be making a donation the OSS in his name.  
Godspeed, my friend.*

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**Luge Hardman** - October 15, 2021 at 02:52 PM