



John William Petty

October 4, 1945 - December 19, 2023

John (Johny) William Petty left this world on December 19th in his Bartlesville home to join his beloved wife, Tonja Petty. John was born October 4th, 1945, in Coffeyville Kansas to Ruby & Ernest (Ernie) Petty of Wann, Oklahoma. After graduating from Wann Highschool, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corp, serving 9 months of active service in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Corporal during his 1963-1969 service, where he took great pleasure in becoming a marksman instructor for the new recruits. After his military service he pursued various careers. He excelled in welding, crane construction at Broderson, and work at Reda Pump before becoming a dedicated Foreman at Zachary.

In 1985, he married the love of his life, Tonja Petty. Their 41-year love story, filled with playful banter, was a testament to their devotion and commitment to each another. John was known for his captivating storytelling, often talking about his war experiences and the enduring friendships he forged during his service, such as his friendship with Pete (Sledge) Shryock. He cherished his family very deeply and was always there whenever in need. He also had a great-grandson named after him, which he found immensely gratifying. He had a great love for hunting, fishing, Westerns, coffee and a deep admiration for John Wayne, even participating as an extra in two of the actor's iconic films during his military service.

John is survived by his son, Jason Petty, and two of whom he adoringly referred to as his daughters, Cory Hochstein husband Dave and Miranda Smith, as well as his three very cherished grandchildren: Christian Elliott husband Taylor, Draven Smith, and Sophia Snow, and one dear great-grandson, Johnathan (John) Elliott. In addition to his immediate family, John leaves behind seven siblings, Ernest Petty, Debbie Maggard, Kathy Iron, Ronnie Petty wife Sharon, Judy Leighton husband David, Donnie Petty wife Nancy, and Wanda Oder as well as many loved family members and best friend Pete (Sledge) Shryock.

John is preceded by death by his wife Tonja Petty, stepson Jason Smith, sister Wassalee Johnson, mother Ruby Petty, Father Ernest (Ernie) Petty, as well as several brothers in arms, all of whom he thought very fondly of.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

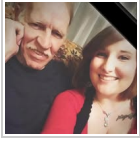
Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chrissy Elliott lit a candle in memory of John William Petty*



Chrissy Elliott - November 09, 2025 at 07:05 AM

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“ *Christian Elliott lit a candle in memory of John William Petty*



Christian Elliott - February 01, 2025 at 06:02 AM

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“ *He was one of the great people I have ever know, I already miss seeing him everyday and hearing his stories, or just sitting there with him watching him flip back forth from the news channel to westerns, until a good western came on. lol boy howdy, I don't think anyone loved coffee, snickers and peanuts as much as this man did. There's so many things I can say about him, but then I would be writing a book. He was my hero, my best friend, and just plainly my everything. Without him there's a huge part of me missing that I will never shake. He is with grandma now, he missed her so much and would always say she's waiting for him, now they can finally be together again and that is the most bittersweet thing. I don't know really want to do without you here, it hurts more than I ever thought a person could hurt.. but love you papa John! Always! John John loves you too so very much! -Christy (Christian)*

Christian Elliott - December 27, 2023 at 02:20 AM

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*John was a kind and generous man. Always willing to help whether blowing up air mattresses for neighbor kids, fixing a car part. He loved redoing furniture. I bought a old cabinet at a garage sale and gave to him and he was so thrilled to redo it. He loved Tonya and kids and grandkids with all he had. I'm sure it's left a big hole in your lives.
Prayers*

Sonja Parker - December 28, 2023 at 11:12 AM