



John Allen York

August 25, 1937 - March 15, 2022

John Allen York, 84, of Oktaha, Oklahoma passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2022. He was born August 25, 1937 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma to Roscoe Allen and Bida Ellen (Reinhardt) York. He attended public schools and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1955. John furthered his education at OSU where he received his bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1960.

He left Oklahoma to work as a ranch manager for Bud Adams Ranches in Houston, Texas until 1962. He then made his way back home to Oklahoma where he continued his passion of ranching and opened a cowboy supply store in Oktaha until 1968.

John married his best friend and the love of his life, Glenda Karen Miller on July 15, 1967 in Hitchita, Oklahoma. They shared more than 50 years of life, marriage and making memories together until Karen passed away on November 11, 2018.

John was a high school science teacher for many years at Oktaha School and retired in 1999. Science and chemistry experiments, learning rock types, pop quizzes, and knowing how to “swing a paddle” are some of the fond memories of his many students he taught over the years.

He enjoyed many hobbies, from woodworking, leatherwork, and working crossword puzzles to doing genealogy and studying history.

John was a member of the Oktaha Historical Society and served on the Oktaha Volunteer Fire Department from 1962 to 2018. He was also a mason beginning in 1962.

John will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roscoe and Bida York; wife, Karen York; sister, Mary Burgin; and his mother-in-law, Ida Miller.

John is survived by his sons, Allen (April) York of Oktaha, Aubrey (Kate) York of Fayetteville, AR; grandchildren, Ashton York of Fayetteville, Abby York of Oktaha, Davis York and James York, both of Fayetteville; sisters, Gladys (Steve) Platner of Tulsa, Kathy Spears of Muskogee; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kaye Miller of Amarillo, TX, Tim (Margaret) Miller of Hitchita, OK, Vaughn (Dena) Miller of Checotah; nieces and nephews, Gaye (John) Pfeifer, Jodi (David) Jackson, Bret (Paige) Burgin, Ellen (John) Byers, Laura (Gonzalo) Guillen, Danny (Candi) Spears, Jennifer Spears, Cindy Miller, Justin (Cory) Miller, Shellie (Bron) Howard, David (Ann) Miller, Spencer Miller and Colin Miller; along with other family members and friends.

John's life will be celebrated at 1PM, Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Oktaha First Community Church with Rev. Jeff Ward officiating. Interment will follow at Oktaha Cemetery.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home 1830 N York St Muskogee, 74403. Condolences can be made to the family at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com.

Cemetery Details

Oktaha Cemetery

Oktaha, OK 74450

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oktaha First Community Church
Highway 69 & Cemetery Rdamp
Oktaha, OK 74450
(918) 687-5415

Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen York*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My John rest in peace. Nila Dean Huyghe Garrity*

Nila Garrity - April 07, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Allen York.*



April 02, 2022 at 12:44 AM



“ *Okla K. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Allen York.*



Okla K. - March 28, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *One of the Best Men and Teachers I have ever met!!! Learned a lot from him about life and Science. He will truly be missed!! Twila Toney*

Twila Toney - March 27, 2022 at 01:07 PM

SL

“ *Mr. York was such a genuine person. Salt of the earth. The world would be a much better place with more people like him in it and less with him gone. Prayers to the York family.* ”



Samantha (Dunn) Luscombe - March 26, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Allen York.* ”



March 26, 2022 at 11:18 AM

CB

“ *One of my memories of Mr. York is him sitting at the desk as soon as the tardy bell would ring and very quietly asking for Tardy/Absence slips to be signed. He would ask 3 times and if you were not paying attention you would miss your chance and you would be in detention the next 3 days with him! But oh what an inspiration and good teacher! He will be missed by many.* ”

Christy Bunch - March 25, 2022 at 05:33 PM

KH

“ *Thinking of you and your family!* ”

Kim and Roger Hammer



Kim Hammer - March 25, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kucera lit a candle in memory of John Allen York*



Mary Kucera - March 25, 2022 at 02:36 PM

GE

“ *Gail Estep lit a candle in memory of John Allen York*



Gail Estep - March 22, 2022 at 03:32 AM