



John Ray Combest

September 29, 1936 - May 1, 2016

The funeral for John Ray Combest, age 79, will be at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Eric Keller and Rev. Ricky Edwards officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 PM at Highland Cemetery in Pawnee.

John was born to William and Mary (Dexter) Combest on September 29, 1936, in Pawnee, and passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016, in Enid.

John grew up in Pawnee, and graduated from Pawnee High School in 1955. On September 29, 1955, he married Shirley Rose Bell, and they made their home in Pawnee. John worked for Poteet Funeral Home and later worked as a dispatcher for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in December 1956. He served for eight years in the Oklahoma National Guard. John attended the 17th Oklahoma Highway Patrol School in 1962. He was assigned to Oklahoma City as Driver Examiner, transferring to Enid in July 1963. He transferred to Ponca City in 1965 and was promoted to Rank of Hearing Officer in 1969, before transferring back to Enid. After John's retirement in 1979, he worked for Hospital Shared Services, and in July 1980, he became an Enforcement Officer for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. In August 1983, he was promoted to Oil & Gas Field Inspector for the Commission, responsible for operations in Garfield County, until his retirement on December 31, 1998. John has owned and operated Combest Custodial Company since 1975, and

opened Family Car Center in 1999.

John was a member of Masonic Lodge #80, and was Past Master, and Past District Deputy Grand Master. He was also a past president of Waukomis Lions Club. John was a former member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon. He currently was a member of Oakwood Christian Church, where he taught 5th grade boys Sunday School class and served as a Deacon.

John is survived by his wife Shirley of the home; two sons, Mark Combest and wife Pam, and David Combest and wife Rose; four grandchildren: Carson, Harley, Rosenel and Sherilyn; sister-in-law Betty Jo Combest; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

John was preceded in death by seven brothers, and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oakwood Christian Church or SPCA.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Pawnee, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel
3002 N. Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

Tribute Wall

CM

“ John was a true Christian man who loved the Lord, served HIM well here on earth he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.....love and prayers and hugs to the family

carol mcneese - May 22, 2016 at 06:52 PM

VB

“ Love from the Indiana family...so thankful to have Uncle John in our lives



Vicki S Byrns - May 07, 2016 at 08:04 AM

JG

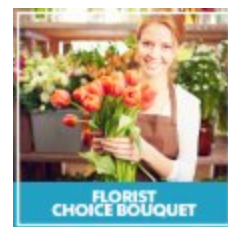
“ Thinking of all of you.....❤️
Jay and KATHY Gault and Family



Jay & Kathy Gault - May 06, 2016 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ Dennis and Robbin McKinzie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Ray Combest.



Dennis and Robbin McKinzie - May 05, 2016 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ John and Marla Chadwick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Ray Combest.



John and Marla Chadwick - May 04, 2016 at 06:31 PM

DF

“ Douglass Benny and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Ray Combest.



Douglass Benny and Family - May 04, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home - May 04, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ray Combest.



May 04, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ I was married to Johns brother,Loyd Vernon Combest. Remembering the fun we had every year we came to Oklahoma to visit with all those Combest boys and wives and children. Some played music some had cattle all had love . Now they live inside of us . Bless all of you with a prayer that I am saying now and sending your way. God loves those Combest brothers and sister . I am better for knowing all of you.Wish I was there. Actually I am in spirit. Keep in touch.

Genell (Combest) Kriner - May 04, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ray Combest.



May 02, 2016 at 11:39 PM



“ Pamela Hadden purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Ray Combest.



Pamela Hadden - May 02, 2016 at 09:13 PM