



John Joel Kocher

December 9, 1949 - December 14, 2022

The Funeral service honoring and celebrating the life of John Joel Kocher will be 3:00 pm, Tuesday, December 20, 2022 in Enid Seventh-Day Adventist Church with David Miller and Ben Burkhardt officiating. Graveside service will be Wednesday, 1:00 pm in Rock Church Cemetery, north of Woodward, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory, Enid. Visitation with the family present will be Monday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

John Joel Kocher, 73, passed away at his family's ranch in Woodward, Oklahoma on December 14, 2022 surrounded by loving family. He was born to Joel Owen Kocher and Anna Margaret Kocher on December 9, 1949 in Wichita, KS. He was raised and educated in Enid, OK, graduating from Enid High School in 1967. He is preceded in death by parents Joel and Anna Kocher (Enid, OK), and Aunt Ardis Sowards (Wichita, KS).

Upon graduating from Enid High School, he went to college at The University of Oklahoma, studying Philosophy. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity at OU. He spent a year at Phillips University and a summer at Stanford University. He later transferred to The University of Texas - Austin for his last 2 years of undergraduate school and graduated from there with a BA in Philosophy in 1973. He then worked as a Switch Foreman and Conductor

on the St-Louis-San Francisco railroad before resigning in 1979 to attend The University of Oklahoma College of Law where he was elected the First Writing Competition Editor of the American Indian Law Review. He began practicing law in 1984 at Ernest A. Bedford and Associates in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He began his private practice in Enid, Oklahoma in 1994, practicing law there for 28 years. His greatest professional accomplishment was being sworn in as a Special Supreme Court Justice of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma in 2017, and was later sworn in as Associate Supreme Court Justice of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe in December of 2018.

He was married to the love of his life, Teresa (Bellows) Kocher on February 4th, 2000 in Enid, Oklahoma. He is survived by Teresa Kocher, Wife; sons Houston and Joel Kocher II (Stillwater, OK); daughters Chantelle Hickman (Yukon, OK) and Ellie Kocher (Daphne, AL); grandchildren Trinity DeVan, Allie Brown, Drake Brown, Kyleigh Brown, and Acelin Russell; and great granddaughter Henley DeVan.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was considered an extremely intelligent man who cared greatly for his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation with Family & Friends

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burris Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM.

Enid Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Enid, OK

Graveside

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM.

Rock Church Cemetery
Woodward, OK

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I met John in 1982 in Ft. Worth at a legal conference. We took the OK Bar Exam in July 1982. John, I and Linda, my wife, would go out in OKC for many years. I will miss John!

Dennis Grady Chappabitty - December 24, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joel Kocher.



December 17, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Joel Kocher.



December 16, 2022 at 01:06 AM

BB

“ We all loved him and will miss him. My grandkids and his loved him so much and our great granddaughter also. Go rest high and know we all will miss you.

Barbara Brown - December 15, 2022 at 07:11 PM

RB

Many fond memories of John. He and Teresa are great friends of ours and we are saddened by his passing. We take comfort knowing he belonged to Jesus and we will see him again. We love you Teresa and kids. See you John when we get to the other side. Love, Brothers family Robin, Dennis, Sarina, Carol and David ❤️🕊️

Robin Brothers - December 16, 2022 at 10:07 PM



My Condolences:{ I m sad

Travis Morgan - December 17, 2022 at 01:37 AM

TK

Thank you for the kind words & memories. One of a kind person... Am so grateful he was a part of our lives..

Teresa Kocher - January 29, 2023 at 11:13 PM