



Mr. John Cochran

February 26, 1955 - May 20, 2024

Funeral services for Mr. John Cochran, 69, of New London, will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 25, 2024, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Lawrence Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at Strong Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time on Saturday, at the funeral home.

John Wayne Cochran Sr. passed from this life on May 20, 2024, at his home in New London, TX. He was born February 26, 1955, in Houston. John grew up in the Pine Hill community and graduated from Henderson High School in 1973. He lived almost all of his life in Rusk County. He worked for Texas Utilities, later Luminant, in maintenance at the Martin Creek Power Plant for 35 years before his retirement in 2017. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a good game of 42. But his passion was FFA and introducing as many as possible to the program. He spent decades volunteering his free time to the West Rusk FFA and the Rusk County Youth Project Show. He supported countless students with their projects and animals along with raising funds for the West Rusk Buyers Group.

John was preceded in death by his mother Ruby J. Howeth, father Henry Earl Cochran, step-mother Christine Cochran, daughter Brandina Cochran, brother

Samuel Cochran, and wife Lolita Cochran.

Survivors include his children, Tamesha Rude and husband Benjamin, JW Cochran and wife Aimee, Josh Cochran, and Jessica Birss; sister, Nancy Brown; grandchildren, Brandon, Kayla, Michael, Dakota, Dylan, Tristen, ReAnna, Faith, Tre, Krysta, Benji, Avery, Liam, and Dusty due in May; great-grandchildren, Braxten, Hayden, and Stetson. Nothing brought him greater joy than being "PawPaw". He counted dozens more as grandchildren and many kids growing up in the New London area knew him as "PawPaw John".

Mr. Cochran's grandsons will honor him as pallbearers.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Strong Cemetery

CR 333
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

MAY 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Cochran*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Roberta Vallantyne - June 09, 2024 at 09:52 PM



“ *Shannon & Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Shannon & Jason McKey - May 28, 2024 at 06:26 PM

KH

“ *Mollie/Ken Hale*



Ken Hale - May 25, 2024 at 07:55 AM

EH

“ *He will always be Santa. He gave so much joy to so many people*

Ernest Henson - May 25, 2024 at 12:33 AM

RF

“ *Randy & Donna Freeman lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Randy & Donna Freeman - May 23, 2024 at 11:28 PM

DK

“ *Tamesha & all the Family..
Thinking of you In Love & Prayers
Johnny, was a good man and loved his
family..
Rest in Peace my friend*

David & Dianna Kelley



David & Dianna Kelley - May 23, 2024 at 03:31 AM

TE

“ Tamara Elliott lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Tamara Elliott - May 22, 2024 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Jeremy & Sarah Brown lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Jeremy & Sarah Brown - May 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CK

“ Chris and Linda King lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Chris and Linda King - May 22, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JC

“ Jane Conway lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Jane Conway - May 22, 2024 at 01:04 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Gary Wilkerson - May 21, 2024 at 10:51 PM

DM

“ Dawn Martin lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Dawn Martin - May 21, 2024 at 10:15 PM

LH

“ John spent many, many hours at the Ag Shop with Steve. Always ready to help any student. He sponsored many projects and loved helping the students further with the West Rusk Buyers Group purchasing the projects. He was great friend to us and will be greatly missed. Love you John! Thank you for being our friend!



Lisa Hall - May 21, 2024 at 10:12 PM

MC

“ Keeping all of the family in my thoughts and prayers. We greatly appreciate all he did for the West Rusk FFA kids.



Melissa Clayton - May 21, 2024 at 08:34 PM

RM

“ Robert Maines lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Robert Maines - May 21, 2024 at 08:24 PM

RM

“ Worked with John. He was a great guy

Robert Maines - May 21, 2024 at 08:21 PM

GK

“ Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Gene Kelsey - May 21, 2024 at 08:04 PM

KD

“ We have so many wonderful memories of John that we'll cherish forever. Please know that the entire family is in our thoughts during this challenging time.

Kenneth and Donna - May 21, 2024 at 06:54 PM

BJ

“ Mr. John Cochran was an Incredible man, he was kind, selfless and a heart the size of Texas. I worked with him for quite a few years, he was always gracious and patient with me. Hearing this news saddens me as the world lost a great person. The thought that his "dogs" are finally at rest gives me a smile as I can always remember him coming by the office and saying "boss my dogs are barking". Ill never forget John and my Condolences go out to the family, I am thankful for knowing him and getting to spend a lot of hours with him.

brandon jablonowski - May 21, 2024 at 06:46 PM

VH

“ John was definitely one of the good ones. I went to school with Sam and John, good men from a great family. I graduated with Sam and finished up my career at Luminant working with John. He was the same from one day to the next. A good friend always. 🙏🙏🙏

Velmer Heim - May 21, 2024 at 06:40 PM

VH

“ Velmer Heim lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Velmer Heim - May 21, 2024 at 06:36 PM

RR

“ Johnny as I always called him was a great guy he worked with west rusk FFA and was a great Santa Claus always for the kids you will be missed what a caring person.



Rickey Rivers - May 21, 2024 at 06:18 PM

KB

“ Worked with John at the Power Plant for many years. He will be missed.

Keith Ballow - May 21, 2024 at 03:18 PM

KB

“ Keith Ballow lit a candle in memory of John Cochran



Keith Ballow - May 21, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JM

“ John was a joy to be around. Our prayers to the family during this difficult time.
Jonathan & Bridgett Mourey



Jonathan & Bridgett Mourey - May 21, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ *Ray Harrell lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Ray Harrell - May 21, 2024 at 02:56 PM

AP

“ *Just a fine gentleman. He will be greatly missed. Hugs and Prayers for the family and friends.*



Ashley Pruitt - May 21, 2024 at 02:49 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Susan Stevens - May 21, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SR

“ *John was one of the best members of the HHS Class of 1973! He'll be missed at the next reunion meeting. Rest in Peace John Cochran.*



Suzanne Reed - May 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Suzanne Reed - May 21, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LV

“ *I will always remember his love for the West Rusk Raiders. And his constant support. I've known Johnny along time. He was my big brother I always wanted. Love you and will miss you.*

Linda VerMeer - May 21, 2024 at 12:08 PM

DA

“ *Prayers for the family.*
Donna Dorsey Aaron



Donna Aaron - May 21, 2024 at 12:02 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Carl & Diana Smith - May 21, 2024 at 11:34 AM

AE

“ *Alana Evans lit a candle in memory of John Cochran*



Alana Evans - May 21, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TB

“ *Rest in peace. You were always so sweet to me.*



Toni Barton - May 21, 2024 at 10:44 AM