



John Leslie Howell

February 8, 1926 - August 14, 2016

John Leslie Howell was born on February 8, 1926 in Lamesa, Texas to Minerva (Hambrick) Howell and John Lee Howell. John married Thelma Rae Springman on February 20, 1954 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on August 14th, 2016 at his home in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 90 years-6 months-6 days.

John was a long-time resident of Lindsay. He worked in the oilfield, owned and operated John and Thelma's Restaurant and was a farmer. He, along with his wife Thelma and their whole family, organized, prepared and served a yearly Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner for those who needed a meal or someone to share it with or whomever just wanted to be a part of this benevolent undertaking on these special holidays. They fed large numbers of people in the community at these events for many years. That was just the kind of man that John was; one who thought of others before himself.

John was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy as a Shipfitter Third Class. He was a true patriot who was a very active member of the American Legion Ball-Smith Post 23 in Lindsay. And as a member, he dutifully served in the honor guard of that organization at many, many funerals of veterans over the years. He loved God and Country and showed great respect for those who served in the U.S. Military.

John will be missed beyond measure by his family and friends, but the community of Lindsay will greatly miss him as well.

John is survived by his wife, Thelma Howell of the home, two daughters, Yuwanda Adkins of Lindsay and Gail Ince and husband Eddie of Lindsay, one son, Leslie Howell and wife Lauri of Lindsay, two sisters, Lorene Bickly of Hobbs, New Mexico and Wanda Parkhouse of Colorado City, Colorado, one brother, Bill Battles and wife Romona of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, one sister-in-law, Erna J. Howell of Hobbs, New Mexico and one brother-in-law, Kenneth McCarroll of Hartshorne, Oklahoma. He also leaves behind his eight grandchildren: Ricky McCoy, Chris Ince and wife Rachael, Kevin Ince and wife Malea, Jesse Howell and wife Heather, Jason Adkins, Kimberly Williams and husband Larry, Katie Anderson and husband Quentin and Paige Hines and husband Ethan, fourteen great-grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces.

John was preceded in death by his parents, a step-dad, Raymond Orr, three brothers; L.C. Howell, Hugh Howell and Don Howell, seven sisters: Maple Peterman, Violet Collie, Francis Lamb, Lola Sivil, Barbara Howell, Wanda McCarroll and Violet Moore and one great-granddaughter, "Ellie" Elizabeth Guinn Ince.

Funeral services for Mr. Howell are set for two o'clock p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at the First Assembly of God, located on Highway 19 West in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Bro. Eddie Ince officiating and Chris Ince assisting. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery with Pastor Mark Smith officiating and military honors by the American Legion Ball-Smith Post 23. Escort and honors will also be provided by the Patriot Guard Riders of Oklahoma. Funeral services are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ To the Howell family, We celebrate the wonderful life that John lived, we are thankful for the compassion he showed to so many. He had a heart of gold and compassion beyond measure. What a legacy he is leaving to his family and to the people of Lindsay. We are lucky to have had him for so long. Our prayers will be lifting you up as you all get through this difficult time ahead of you.

Bill and Barbara Russell - August 17, 2016 at 05:10 PM

DH

“ Leslie and family: We're sorry for your loss. Dad, (James Harris) worked on a drilling rig crew with Mr. Big John in the 1950s and always loved to tell of this. He thought so highly of Mr. Howell. Prayers for you all.

Delshawn Harris - August 16, 2016 at 03:11 PM

JW

“ To the Family of John Howell: My heart goes out to each of you during this time of loss. We all know that Mr. Howell is in a much better place with no pain and no sorrow. He was such a sweet man, with a very caring heart. His presence and hard work for this community will be missed. He has brightened up the holidays for many lonely people with the meals prepared by him and your entire family. Each year that we would bring pies over he would practically beg us to come eat lunch. I am sure over the years my dad and son got more than their fair share of the smoked turkey just on the trips delivering pies! He would often bring the ham bones by my house for me to make beans. As a young person, I had car trouble one night and he stopped to help. I wouldn't get out of the car because it was late a and I didn't recognize him, but he went straight to my parent's home and told them where I was and how proud he was of me for not getting out of my car. Mr. Howell was a friend to all. Know that my love and prayers are with each of you during this time.

Janie Worden - August 16, 2016 at 02:49 PM

RS

“ All the Howell family Skeeter & I are so sorry for y'all loss. John was a local land mark. I know John will be missed by all, but never forgotten. I am up north, I regret that I can't make his service, We will be thinking of y'all

Rod Smith - August 15, 2016 at 06:00 PM

CF

“ Dearest Howell Family, So sorry to learn of John's passing. May our precious Lord be with you giving comfort and strength in the days ahead. John was a man that left a great legacy. He served the Lord and used his gift to spread love to others ,that were down or alone,by giving them a place to go on holidays and food to fill them up.He served our country well as a soldier . He will be long remembered.

Carolyn&James Franklin - August 15, 2016 at 01:52 PM

JD

“ Thelma, Gail an Eddie so sorry for you loss of John. He was a wonderful man to know. I remember all the good time we had when we were growing up. He will be miss greatly. Love You Guys!

Jan "Webb" Dowell - August 15, 2016 at 01:19 PM