



John "Big John" Warner

January 11, 1957 - April 16, 2023

John Andrew Warner "Big John", beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away into the presence of his Lord and Savior on April 16, 2023. John was born Jan. 11, 1957 in Tecumseh, MI to Robert and Marilyn Warner.

John worked as a Maintenance Manager for several trucking companies throughout his career including Penske Truck Leasing and FedEx in Chicago. On June 21, 1992, he married Lynne and together they made a happy home filled with love and memories for themselves and their family. Upon his retirement, John and Lynne moved to Forney, TX to be near family where John found joy and contentment serving in his church and spending time with friends and family, especially the grandchildren. John was an avid antique collector and enjoyed restoring antique telephones, cash registers, and railroad lanterns. In his home was his "Man Cave" where he displayed his many antique treasures. Many of his meticulous restorations were given as gifts to those he loved most. Along with being a devoted husband, father and grandfather, John was a tireless and selfless servant of the Lord. He and Lynne were active and faithful members of First Baptist Church in Forney where Big John was often seen helping, working, and making everyone feel welcome. He was involved in many ministries including the Iron Man Ministry, Monday Morning Men's Group, and the Wednesday night kitchen crew. John was also a member of the church's security ministry, the "Red Shirts" where his easy smile and watchful eye helped to make every member and visitor feel welcome and safe in all parts of the church campus. He and Lynne were members of the Living the Word Sunday School class where they enjoyed learning and applying God's word to their lives and making sure His light shone forth in everything they did. A man whose height was only surpassed by his love for his Lord, his family and his friends, Big John will be greatly missed and never forgotten by all whose lives he touched.

He leaves to carry on his legacy of unconditional love his wife of over 30 years, Lynne Warner, of Forney; son, John A. Ferris, IV and wife, Heather, of Forney; grandchildren: June, Sarah, Faith and John, V (Jack); brother, Jerrald Warner and wife, Francine, of Tecumseh, MI; nephews, Robert Warner and Andrew Warner of Tecumseh, MI along with

other extended family, his church family and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Friday, April 21, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Forney in the Forum. His family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am to service time. Interment will be at College Mound Cemetery.

For those wishing, memorials in honor of Big John's love for the Lord may be made to First Baptist Church of Forney at <https://fbcforney.org/give/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College Ave
Forney, TX 75126
(972) 564-3357

Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Big John" Warner*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 27, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *John "Big John" Warner*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 20, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 19, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 19, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 19, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 19, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RB

“ *To me John was the epitome of what Jesus meant by humble servant. From Day 1 on our Men's Ministry Committee there was no job, big or small he would not volunteer to take upon himself. He had a kind heart, a calm voice of reason, and was one of the most unselfish men I have ever met. His friendship was immediate and it felt like we had known each other for many years after only a short while because of the love and trust he offered to everyone he knew. Never in too much of a hurry to talk or ask how you were doing followed by "How can I help?" I'll miss the big smile, the words of wisdom, and of course those flip flops, but most of all walking around the corner every Sunday morning and not seeing him there with those big hands stretched out over the Iron Man kiosk welcoming another one in the House of the Lord.*

*We love you Brother! See you later!
Rick Benjamin*



Rick Benjamin - April 19, 2023 at 05:47 PM

LW

Thank you Rick. Your words have encouraged me.

Lynne Warner - April 20, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RB

You're welcome Lynne. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 🙏🙏



Rick Benjamin - April 20, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ Lynne& family, we are so very sorry for your loss of John. He was the first neighbor we met when we moved to Forney. He was a nice and welcoming to us which meant the world to us.
Just know we have you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Ron & Kim Johnson

Kimbra Johnson - April 19, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.



April 19, 2023 at 01:51 PM

MB

“ Men's Ministry Board purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John "Big John" Warner.



Men's Ministry Board - April 19, 2023 at 11:26 AM

TL

“ John was a great man and a great friend he had a huge heart to serve and a huge heart for his family and friends I will miss him love you John and I can't wait to see you again

timothy lucas - April 19, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 18, 2023 at 08:41 PM

HH

“ *Big John was a true friend who would sit and talk without time limits. He was a gentle giant in its true form. He was a man that would jump at the chance of serving and I will miss him terribly on the men's ministry board. Well done my friend!*



Henry Heredia - April 18, 2023 at 07:19 PM

LW

Thank you for posting this picture of John! He loved serving with you and the Iron Men.

Lynne Warner - April 19, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 18, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.*



April 18, 2023 at 06:32 PM

RE

“ John was such a good man, and he and Lynne took good care of each other. I will miss his deep gentle voice.

Robbi Eklow - April 18, 2023 at 06:23 PM

SE

“ Big John was just that a big guy with a big warm smile & a beautiful heart. I loved seeing him every Sunday in the hallway. He always had an amazing attitude. He was a wonderful man of god & will be missed dearly.

sara estrada - April 18, 2023 at 06:19 PM

AH

“ John and I could sit and talk for hours. He was easy to work with on Men Ministry work and our recent men's retreat. He always was eager to serve the Lord. A real Christian Man. I will miss him.

Alan Holmes - April 18, 2023 at 05:11 PM



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.



April 18, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.



April 18, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *Big John was always kind and friendly to me. His smile and warm welcome will always be remembered. He treated me with such warmth even when I was new to the church.* ”

John Curry - April 18, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "Big John" Warner.* ”



April 18, 2023 at 02:30 PM