



John Darden

September 25, 1938 - January 8, 2021

At the request of Mr. Darden's family, his service will be Livestreamed on our Facebook page, Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. Please "like" our page and the notification will appear when the funeral becomes available to view

John Darden, longtime Forney resident, passed away at home on Friday, January 8, 2021. John was born in Lamar County, Texas on September 25, 1938 to John Haskell and Myrle Marie Chancellor Darden, both of whom preceded him in death along with his brother, James Darden, brother-in-law, Jim Crow and sister-in-law, Shirley Darden

John graduated from Roxton High School and, in 1959, married Floy Crow at the Chisholm Baptist Church. After making their home in Forney, John became very active in the community where he served on the Forney Volunteer Fire Dept for 43 years and was Fire Chief during a part of that time. He was also elected to Mayor Pro-Tem of Forney for 12 years and Kaufman County Pct. 2 Commissioner for 12 years where his honesty and integrity were essential parts of his service to the county's residents. John also owned and operated Darden's Grocery and Station for 15 years in Downtown Forney where many of the Forney folks would often gather and share the local news and goings-on in the town. He was a member of Brooklyn Lodge 386 AF&AM for 48 years along with his membership with the Hella Temple and Shriners.

John celebrated his heritage and was a proud member of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He also served on the board of Kaufman County Senior Citizens and on the original Kaufman County Appraisal Board and a member of both the Forney and Hughes Springs Booster Clubs. As strong as his commitment to his community and county was, John was best at being a great husband, father, and grandfather. He loved attending all his grandchildren's games, no matter how far away, so that he could be their biggest fan and supporter. A kind man with impeccable principles, John will be missed greatly by so many as well as the community that he helped grow into what it is today.

He is survived by his wife Floy Crow Darden of Forney; daughter, Susan Rigby and husband, Bob, of Rowlett; grandchildren: Jonathan Rigby and wife, Maegan, and Heather Wright and husband, Shawn; great grandchildren: Caroline and Beau; brother, Harold Darden; sisters-in-law: Wilma Darden, Malinda Looney and husband, Sam, Gayla Cutrer and husband Rob, Carol Crow and Sue Gheen; brothers-in-law: Bill Crow and wife, Christine, Buck Crow and wife, Kathy and Paul Crow as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Monday January 11, 2021, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *John Darden*

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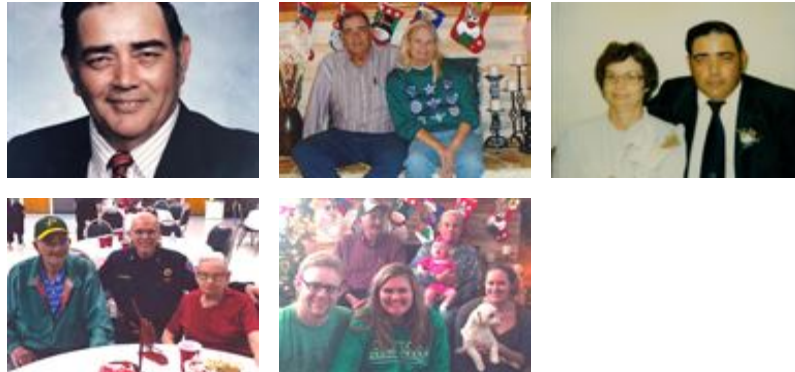


“ *It is hard to put into words the love that our family has always had for John, his brothers and his parents. As cousins, much of our childhood was spent with them at their farm. He will be so missed by all who had the privilege to know him. Real love never dies.*

Beverly Fortner - January 12, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 11, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Darden.*



January 11, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ Dr. Robert Allen, Barb, Mindy, Jody, Preslei, April purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John Darden.



Dr. Robert Allen, Barb, Mindy, Jody, Preslei, April - January 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM

BY

“ Barb Neumann Young lit a candle in memory of John Darden



Barb Neumann Young - January 11, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ John and Floy were our neighbors for over 35 years. John did so much for Forney in his many roles within the community. We were proud to call him our friend. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his friendly nature, and for his love of family, friends and community.

Debbie and Aaron Stuart

Debbie Stuart - January 10, 2021 at 11:53 PM

JP

“ Joyce Pool lit a candle in memory of John Darden



Joyce Pool - January 10, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Darden.*



January 10, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Great man, he will be missed! Prayers to his family. Nick and Ann Nichols, Paris, Texas.*

nick and Ann Nichols - January 09, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Joe Parnell lit a candle in memory of John Darden*



Joe Parnell - January 09, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *JOHN'S FAMILY AND MY FAMILY WERE GOOD FRIENDS. HE WAS A KIND AND GENTLE PERSON. MY PRAYERS FOR FLOY AND SUSAN. WE WILL MISS HIM TOO.*

MARILOU QUINN - January 09, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Darden.*



January 09, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *John was a friend to all, an excellent Kaufman County Commissioner and a wonderful grandfather to every young child that visited his convenience store over the years. Our hearts are with you Floy.*
Wes & Pat Crenshaw

Wes Crenshaw - January 09, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Tamara Darden - January 09, 2021 at 11:49 AM



We will miss you with all our hearts. Harold & Tamara Darden

Tamara Darden - January 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM