



## John Rounsavall

February 26, 1958 - January 24, 2023

\*\*\*\*Mr. Rounsavall's funeral service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/@trinitybaptist9023> \*\*\*\*

John Daniel Rounsavall, of Wills Point, passed away peacefully on the evening of January 24, 2023 at his home with beloved family by his side. John was born Feb. 26, 1958 in Fukuoka, Japan to Reginald and Fumiyo “Katie” Rounsavall. He was met in Heaven by his parents as well as his wife, Shanna Rounsavall, who passed on May 18, 2013.

John grew up in Terrell and was a proud THS graduate of the class of 1977. On Aug. 6, 1977, he married his best friend and high school sweetheart, Shanna, and together they made a home filled with love and happiness until her passing after 36 years of marriage. John began a long and respected career with his hometown when he became a police officer with TPD. John’s incredible intellect and communication skills made him one of the best assets to the City and he was quickly identified as a dependable and reliable key to city growth and he began working in Information Technology, becoming the City’s Director of IT. Under the guidance of Bobby Bishop, who was at the time the City Secretary for Terrell, John learned the ins and outs of municipal requirements of a growing community. After Mr. Bishop’s retirement, John was privileged to become the City Secretary where he could maintain the continuity, innovation, and insight that he was known for. The increasing expansion of Terrell allowed John to then become the City Finance Director, a

position that was vital as he and other city officials navigated the new opportunities of Terrell while still keeping the history and small-town ambience that made it a great place to live and work. When he wasn't working, John was a devoted husband and dad whose family was his number one priority. Always one to have a smile on his face, John's smile become even bigger when he became a grandfather and, to him, there was nothing better than spending time with each grandkid. In 2015, he married Karen Parham, and they were blessed to have their families unite and support them in their lives. A man of integrity, honor and approachability, John will be always remembered for his loyalty and dedication to both his family and his community.

John leaves his memory to be forever cherished by his wife, Karen Rounsavall, of Wills Point; son, Stephen Rounsavall and wife, Jamie; daughter, Stephanie Neilsen and husband, Eric, all of Wills Point; stepchildren: Katie Vandaveer and husband, Justin, of Terrell, Jarred Parham and wife, Christina, of Rockwall and Greg Parham and wife, Stephanie, of Durango, CO; grandchildren: Reagan Rounsavall, Lexi Neilsen, Madeline Neilsen, Camden Neilsen, McKinsley Vandaveer, Kendalyn Vandaveer, Alexis Parham, Bliss Parham and Isis Carter; brothers: Bob Rounsavall and wife, Mimi, Tim Rounsavall as well as other extended family members and countless friends.

Funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at Trinity Baptist Church, 1104 Goodnight Blvd., Wills Point, TX, 75169. Interment will follow where John will be laid to rest next to Shanna at Locust Grove Cemetery. His family will receive friends 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Trinity Baptist Church, PO Box 471, Wills Point, TX, 75169 in honor of John.



# Cemetery Details

## Locust Grove Cemetery

14228 Hiram Road  
Wills Point, TX 75169

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
1104 E. Goodnight Blvd  
Wills Point, TX 75169

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of John Rounsavall*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - January 27, 2023 at 05:20 PM

BD

*Oh my goodness..my Dudley and I go way back with John and Shanna..the most Precious couple...and they were even at our wedding.....  
I'm so sorry I had just found this out late last nite.i did get to watch on line as I had to work today....  
God bless the family love Beverly Dudley....😭*

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**Beverly Dudley** - January 27, 2023 at 08:08 PM

RT

*Our sincere condolences to John's family. He was a prince of a man and our honor to have known him as we are all better as a result.*

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**Rick and Sandy Traylor** - January 30, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *John Rounsavall*

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**October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM**

JB

“ *John was a man of great integrity who will be missed. To the family, I offer my condolences. Rest well my friend.*

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**Jerry Burr** - January 28, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ 126 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 27, 2023 at 05:20 PM

LM

“ Thank you for your legacy, John. It was a pleasure and honor to work alongside you for 12 years. God bless your family.

Lisa Melone - January 27, 2023 at 04:42 PM

JJ

“ Joe Jaynes lit a candle in memory of John Rounsavall



Joe Jaynes - January 27, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.



January 26, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.*



January 26, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.*



January 26, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *It is difficult to put into words how great it has been to know and work with John. He was the perfect blend of intelligence, character, calm demeanor, and willingness to serve in any capacity.*

*Hal Richards*

**Hal Richards** - January 26, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.*



January 26, 2023 at 10:48 AM

MS

“ John's dedication and quiet confidence was an inspiration and source of calm for Terrell employees and Terrell's customers. I have great personal respect for him not just as a trusted municipal servant but as a good man. Good bless him and his family.

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**Mike Sims** - January 26, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MM

“ I was good friends with Shanna and John. I loved them dearly. John was a good man, with a calmness that amazed me. He will be greatly missed. Rest in perfect peace John.

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**Mary McFarland** - January 26, 2023 at 07:27 AM

SB

“ I worked with John and he was such a classy man. Always very professional. RIP John.  
Sulene

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**Sulene Bankston** - January 25, 2023 at 11:50 PM

DO

“ I had the privilege to work with John for nine years at the city. Honest, incredibly hard worker serving the citizens of Terrell. Greatly missed.

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**DJ Ory** - January 25, 2023 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ John and I became good friends after I joined the Terrell City Council in May of 1997. I always looked forward to seeing his friendly smile as I entered his office to left as you entered City Hall. Between him and Bobby Bishop, one could learn a lot about current happenings plus past history in and around Terrell. He was not only knowledgeable and trustworthy, but dedicated and ethical as our City Secretary and then City Finance Director. We have remained close friends through the years and I cherish the opportunity to have known him. Ann and I offer most sincere condolences to Karen and all the rest of his blessed extended family.

*James & Ann Huffman, Terrell*

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**James Huffman** - January 25, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.



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January 25, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Rounsavall.



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January 25, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BH

“ *Becca Hamm Hood lit a candle in memory of John Rounsavall*



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**Becca Hamm Hood** - January 25, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JP

“ *Joe & Cynthia Parnell lit a candle in memory of John Rounsavall*



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**Joe & Cynthia Parnell** - January 25, 2023 at 04:21 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca, Lynda and Rhonda purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Rounsavall.*



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**Rebecca, Lynda and Rhonda** - January 25, 2023 at 02:47 PM



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



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January 25, 2023 at 02:00 PM