



John "Sign Painter John" Robert Martin

August 23, 1945 - July 2, 2022

John R. Martin, known by so many as "Sign Painter John", passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at his home.

A Celebration of his life will begin at 6:00pm, Saturday, July 23, 2022 with a meal and fellowship where stories and memories will be shared of Sign Painter John's life and legacy. All are invited to this celebration which will be at 14306 N SH 34, Terrell, TX 75160.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **23**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Gathering of Sign Painter John Martin
14306 SH 34
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Sign Painter John" Robert Martin*

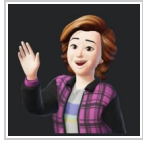
October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John "Sign Painter John" Robert Martin.*



July 19, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Angela Hayes lit a candle in memory of John "Sign Painter John" Robert Martin*



Angela Hayes - July 10, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *I gave "Sign Painter John" his first sign painting job when he and Charlotte first came to Terrell. He ended up doing lots of work for me. He & Charlotte were fun and very entertaining. A good person, & great guy.*

John Wright - July 09, 2022 at 07:14 PM

SP

“ Susan & Ray Pinson lit a candle in memory of John "Sign Painter John" Robert Martin



Susan & Ray Pinson - July 07, 2022 at 06:46 PM

PB

“ Chris, I just want to say that you and your family are in my prayers. I pray for peace and Mercy in the coming days and weeks. Your Dad was a very special man and his legacy will last forever. Shane sends his love.

Pat Blake - July 07, 2022 at 04:26 PM

WD

“ I met John back in the 80's when my mom and I worked at the flea market here in Terrell. He was always so sweet, kind and just a pleasure to be around. He did the signage for the flea market and other places I have worked. Just wanted to drop a line and say how nice it was to be acquainted with such a genuine person. Go fly high on that mountain, sir.

wendy derdeyn - July 07, 2022 at 01:28 PM

AB

“ As we’ve been friends for a very long time, our hearts were so saddened when Lori let us know that John had passed. Chris, we want to wish you our deepest sympathy. I’ve written before but didn’t see that it got posted. We will forever hold John in our hearts and in our memories. I will forever hold on to the precious treasures he gave to us and I’ll never forget how much his kindness and compassion for life always made us smile. Our kids, both Alan and Lori hated to hear this because they have memories too. He was such a sweet man to them and I will forever be grateful. In the years that we were neighbors we became family and I’ll always always hold his memory dear to me. I’m so very sorry. I know he meant everything to you. He touched so many and his loss is a great one. May the lord hold you in his ever loving arms and help you all get through this. John was very much loved by so many, including us. Love always. Jerry, Amber, Lori and Alan Bookman.

Amber Bookman - July 04, 2022 at 06:04 PM

LB

“ Chris, we were all saddened to hear of John's passing, we had a lot of good times when you and your Dad were our neighbors. I remember when he and A.B. had domino tournaments at our house, and I still have a little gold trophy he gave to A.B. when he won. Little things he would do made him special, just bringing a smile or making someone laugh. I want to thank you for driving John to our house last year on his birthday, knowing he wanted to come by to see Richie and I meant a lot. You and your sister and all of John's family and friends (he had so many) are in my prayers now and in the days ahead. Love ya, Linda Bankston

Linda Bankston - July 04, 2022 at 05:42 PM

SF

“ When my daughter messaged me on Saturday to tell me about John’s passing, we were on vacation. We went outside and I took this photo from the pier where we were staying.

I would like to believe that John had something to do with painting that sky.

Peace and love, John!



Sherri Faulk - July 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM

SB

“ My favorite brother-in-law, gone in an instant. Loved by so many people whose life he touched, a true artist, “Sign Painter” as all who knew him called him, he would often barter his services for whatever he needed, and would often work for next to nothing. I loved his Lincoln Continental, with the rear bumper completely coated with various colors of “One Shot” and other paints. I helped John layout and paint signs in Houston and in Northern California, experiencing my first earthquake with him while working in Lodi, CA. On a ladder, which was on the roof of a building, leaning against a sign, while base coating, I felt the ladder shake and saw electric transmission power cables “dancing” between the poles, I asked Sign Painter what was happening, he replied, “Stan, I think you just experienced your first earthquake. Welcome to California!” That was the Loma Prieta earthquake. He was an old soul, and a kind man. Many did. Ot know he was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fi. Love you Sign Painter! Michelle has taken you again, into her arms...rest. Until we meet again! Jambo rafiki!

Stan Godek - brother-in-law - July 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM

BC

I Am so sad to see this I loved this man with all my heart, there will never ever be another like him, Very hard worker, always smiled, Very Kind and Caring I could go on and on prayers for his son and family.. Go fly high into heaven and paint some beautiful pictures for Jesus we love and we will miss seeing you around John God Bless❤️❤️❤️

Billy & Jennie Cox - July 04, 2022 at 01:00 AM

BR

“ In 1995 John and Michelle rolled in to our newly opened flea market and painted our first sign for rules. We loved them since that first day and our kids grew up together and still friends today. True friends. One of a kind and always made us laugh.

Brenda - July 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM

JU

“ Aww, he is such a great guy with amazing talent.

RIP my long time friend. ❤️



Julie - July 03, 2022 at 11:35 AM

LH

“ He painted a life size picture of Scooby Doo on my daughter's bedroom wall. Great man will be missed his artwork was awesome. Prayers for all

Lisa Hartley - July 03, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SF

“ *Such a dear, sweet man. Met him when he did our windows at the finance company for many years. He found out I have low blood sugar and he would show up with lunch, usually from Pop's and a soda for me. He did a beautiful painting on a toy box for my grandson. John, you will be missed.*

Sherri Faulk - July 02, 2022 at 09:21 PM

LR

Not many people can leave such sweet memories on so many people's hearts the way you have. Rest easy my brother. You and Michelle always in my heart. Love you.

Lesa Godek Renfroe - July 04, 2022 at 02:02 PM

 Doug Keels

“ *Always a smile , a friend to many , missed by everyone , Thanks John*

Doug Keels - July 02, 2022 at 06:00 PM

LB

With much much love 💕💕

Lysia Boone - July 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM

BK

A true artist and a gentleman. He painted our kids little Honda 50 motorcycle with the flames they wanted and wouldn't let me pay him. Any time we saw him he always had a kind word and a hello. I don't think he ever forgot a person after meeting them. We knew if a sign was his work or not because he put his heart and soul in all of his work. We are going to miss you John. I'll be watching for your special touch on the rainbows, sunrises and sunsets.

Bobby & Coleen Kilmer - July 04, 2022 at 03:32 AM

JR

Lo recordare siempre pasando por mi casa en su vehículo blanco muy buen vecina

Juan Gonzalez Reyes - July 04, 2022 at 11:14 AM

HH

We're to start he was a true friend . Great man to all he knew I got the great pleasure to get to know him and Michelle . Chris and my son were best-friends went every together. When Chris wasn't at our house they were with John. John had the love for cats when you would go to his house he always had cats. John was always happy and would always smile when he saw you. He painted my daughters room with surf board and clouds on the ceiling and a VW bug with flower all over it the theme was the 60's all different colors bright one. Look Great the boys were always coming and going doing there thing and John would take them to do a job and then he would go where they want to go with no hesitation John was the best a great trooper. I can go on and on. Rip John you will truly be missed. Paint and fly High tell Michelle hello for us. Love you and miss you always. ❤️

Hope Hamro - July 04, 2022 at 12:54 PM

DH

A Talented kind man who we counted on so many times to paint for us at Hams Orchard. We are extremely sorry for his passing.

Dale & Judy Ham - July 07, 2022 at 12:14 PM

CE

IT,S BEEN MANY YEARS AGO SINCE I LAST SAW THE SIGN PAINTER. HIS CHARACTER AND PEACE IS NOT FORGETTABLE. ! MY REGRET IS I WISH I COULD HAVE TALKED TO HIM ONE LAST TIME. I WILL LATER. KEEP ON PAINTING JOHN.

CHARLIE EDWARD - July 19, 2022 at 03:36 AM