



John Thomas "JT" Eppard

April 13, 1939 - June 13, 2014

1939-2014

John Thomas (JT) Eppard, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, went home to be with our Lord on Friday, June 13, 2014 at the age of 75. JT was born on April 13, 1939 in Springfield, Missouri. In August of 1946, he moved to Los Lunas, New Mexico where he graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1958. He was awarded a medal from The National Science Foundation and another from the Department of the Navy for his valuable contributions in scientific exploration from his tour in Antarctica in 1987. He worked for many local dairies and families in the Los Lunas area. JT owned and ran "JT Eppard Construction Company" for several years. After retiring his business, he worked for Edeal Dairy for 2 years. JT caught the first blue catfish registered in the state of New Mexico which weighed in at 19 pounds. JT was an outdoorsman and an avid hunter who enjoyed hunting all different kinds of wildlife. He took pride in his garden, growing fruits and vegetables that he donated to Joy Junction and then shared the rest with friends and loved ones. JT loved spending his weekends watching NASCAR races, taking trips all over the country with his wife and especially to Santa Fe for the Bluegrass Music Festivals, and spending time with his kids and granddaughters in Texas. He was a man of many talents, from his ability to build homes from the ground up, teaching himself to play various musical instruments by ear, to his uncanny ability to fix almost anything that man ever created. He was preceded in death by his parents, Madge L. Wray and Jesse

A. Eppard; sister, Dixie Lee Eppard; brother, Hershel Eppard; and sister, Mary Kay Greeton. JT is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Patricia (Grandma) Eppard; son, Merl Eppard and his wife, Billie Joe; daughters, Elizabeth Thibodeau and her husband, Mark and Sheila Louviere and her husband, Joe; granddaughters, Hannah and Emily Louviere; brothers, Jess Eppard and his wife, Judy and Bill Eppard; sister, Betty Krikruff and her husband, Loyd; brothers, Bob Eppard and his wife, Kaye and Charles (Mickey) Eppard and his wife, Mary Lou; sister, Bonnie Gensen and her husband, Jack; brother, Don Eppard and his wife, Debbie; and brother-in-law, John Kevin Cooper. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, on Thursday, June 19th, beginning with a Viewing at 11:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service to be held at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Terrace Grove Cemetery. Sign JT's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Terrace Grove Cemetery

1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
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Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Happy 87th Birthday Dad! What I would give to take you out for Chinese dinner to celebrate you. Rejoice in heaven and I will see you again. I love you!



Sheila - April 13 at 12:53 PM

SH

“ This time of year really pulls on my heart. You made the last fourteen years of your life so incredibly special for our girls and especially me witnessing the love you expressed to them. Miss and love you!!



Sheila - November 22, 2024 at 12:55 PM

SH

“ Miss you PapaT 🥰



Sheila - June 20, 2018 at 02:24 PM

NV

“ Pat, I heard about JT and I was so sad , He was a bright star and a good man. I know once he gets settled in the arms of our Lord Jesus he will see Ol' Pete Porter and they will be old friends once again. U rest in your faith and take care of yourself. Nancy Villella(Porter)

Nancy Villella - June 19, 2014 at 06:45 PM

BJ

“ I am sorry to hear of him passing! My love and prayers are sent to his family! May he rest in peace. Bethel Lamb Jones
<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-1.png>

Bethel (lamb) Jones - June 19, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Thomas "JT" Eppard.



June 18, 2014 at 04:18 PM

JL

“ Joe and Georgia Louviere purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Thomas "JT" Eppard.



Joe and Georgia Louviere - June 18, 2014 at 04:05 PM

KM

“ Karisa & Madison purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Thomas "JT" Eppard.



Karisa & Madison - June 18, 2014 at 03:32 PM

CW

“ Chuck & Sandy Wray purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Thomas "JT" Eppard.



Chuck & Sandy Wray - June 17, 2014 at 07:47 PM

HF

“ Sheila: so sorry for your loss. Praying for God to comfort you all during this difficult time. It's hard losing a parent, just know God will be there to comfort you.

Heather Bottoms & Family

Heather Bottoms and Family - June 17, 2014 at 02:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Thomas "JT" Eppard.



June 16, 2014 at 10:09 PM

GF

“ Shelia and Joe -
I'm so sorry about your Dad's passing. My prayers are with you all.
May your faith in God comfort you during this difficult time.

Gail Smith and Family - June 16, 2014 at 04:23 PM

GF

“ Dear Eppard Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that The Most High God has resurrected humans on Earth before through His son Jesus, and He promises He will do so again very soon. (Psalms 83:18, Acts 24:15, Revelation 21:3,4)

Greene Family - June 16, 2014 at 10:46 AM

TE

Dear Patty, So very sorry! I am with you in spirit and know that the wonderful memories you have of JT will sustain you during this difficult time. I wish I could be with you.
Love you, Terry

Terry Eberhard - June 16, 2014 at 07:30 PM