



John William Coker III

July 10, 1937 - June 21, 2019

John William Coker III, 81, of Sanger, passed away on Friday, July 21, 2019 in Denton surrounded by his family. The son of John William, Jr. and Josephine Jo (Weaver) Coker, he was born on July 10, 1937 in Drumright, Oklahoma. He attended Odessa High School, Odessa College, and graduated from Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science in 1957. On March 2, 1957, he married Winnie Delores Kinkade in Grand Prairie and recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. They soon moved to Floydada where John worked for Harmon Funeral Home. In 1959, he and Delores moved to Sanger to work for Schmitz, Floyd, Hamlet Funeral Home. They have been members of the First Baptist Church for almost 60 years.

In 1961, John purchased the funeral home and changed the name to Coker Funeral Home. He selflessly served the people of Denton, Cooke, Wise and Jack counties for the next 60 years. The funeral business and serving people were John's true passion and he was instrumental in leading several young men into the funeral profession. John served as a liaison to the Corp of Engineers having to locate and assist with moving the graves in cemeteries that would be covered in water by Lake Ray Roberts. John served as past-president of the North Texas Funeral Directors Association and was a recipient of the North Texas Funeral Director of the Year Award. On the state level, he served on the Board of Directors of Texas Funeral Directors Association and the Texas Funeral Services, Inc.

John loved Sanger and the people who lived here. He always wanted Sanger

to prosper and grow. He did not take his civic duties lightly. He served as Past-President of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, was the past Tail-Twister of the Sanger Lions Club, City of Sanger Councilman, Denton County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5, Mayor of the City of Sanger, and served 60 years on the Sanger Cemetery Association Board of Trustees. John along with several other men in Sanger worked, formed and coached the first Sanger Little League Program. He served on the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning and the Red River Valley Commission.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Bolivar Masonic Lodge #418, having received his 50-year pin. He served as Past-Patron and was a 50-year pin recipient in the Order of the Eastern Star #1027. He was also a 50-year pin recipient of the Moslah Shrine Temple. He was past-president of the Moslah Car-Vettes, past-president of the Denton County Shriners and a charter member of the Denton Elks Lodge.

As much as John enjoyed all of this, nothing compared to his family. He proudly wore the title of husband and Dad but the title he wore most proudly was "Gran'dad". He was preceded in death by his parents, Mother-in-law, Pauline Kinkade Bell, Father-in-law, Ardie Grey Kinkade and their beloved dog, Harry. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Delores of Sanger; two sons, John W Coker, IV and wife Loretta of Decatur and Michael Grey Coker of Jacksboro; one daughter DeAnn Coker Burrus and husband Sam of Sanger; Sister-in-law and brother-in-law Shonda and Jim Washer of Sanger; six grandchildren John William Coker, V and wife Megan of Decatur, Ashly L'Rae DoByns and husband Michael of Decatur, Windi Burrus Ward and husband Bo of Argyle, Bradley Grey Coker and wife Jessica of Jacksboro, Katie Michelle Thompson and husband Tyson of Jacksboro, Joshua Thomas Burrus and wife Holly of Purcell, OK; twelve great-grandchildren, Dillon, Chloe, Collin, Georgia, Stone, Brooklyn, Bo Monroe, Grey, Colbie Ryann, Sammie Jo, Gage and Penn Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A visitation for John will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2019

at the First Baptist Church in Sanger. Funeral services are on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm also at the First Baptist Church. Dr. E. L. McNeal and Pastor Grant Bowles will officiate the services. Serving as pallbearers will be John's grandsons and brother-in-law. Honorary pallbearers will be nephews and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 / Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St, Dallas, TX 75219, or the charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to www.cokerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Sanger Cemetery

525 McReynolds Road
Sanger, TX 76266

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
708 S 5th St
Sanger, TX 76266

Church Service

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
708 S 5th St
Sanger, TX 76266

Tribute Wall



“ *John William Coker III*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *John William Coker III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of
John William Coker III*



Loretta Martinez - August 05, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *Cathy And Tim McAnear lit a candle in
memory of John William Coker III*



Cathy and Tim McAnear - July 01, 2019 at 08:41 PM

BH

“ Mike & Family,
Thoughts and prayers for the family for all the
days ahead 🙏
Bruce & Theresa Hesteande
Blame & Sarabeth Hesteande



Bruce,Theresa,Blake & Sarabeth Hssteande - June 27, 2019 at 04:19 PM

GR

“ Gary & Jo Rater lit a candle in memory of
John William Coker III



Gary & Jo Rater - June 27, 2019 at 01:13 AM

AK

“ Ann Yoder Kimbrough lit a candle in memory
of John William Coker III



Ann Yoder Kimbrough - June 26, 2019 at 11:00 PM

DP

“ Debbie And Thomas Preston lit a candle in
memory of John William Coker III



Debbie and Thomas Preston - June 26, 2019 at 07:08 PM

KV

“ *Kim Veselka lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Kim Veselka - June 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM

GL

“ *Gevern&Ronda Lewis lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Gevern&Ronda Lewis - June 26, 2019 at 08:46 AM

SN

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Coker family. God Bless Ya'll*



Sheila Jackson Nava - June 25, 2019 at 10:35 PM

JW

“ *Sending deepest sympathy and peace for the John Coker family. Mr. Coker was a great man who had much love & compassion for everyone he knew. Rest In Peace My Friend*



Jean Wolfe - June 25, 2019 at 10:32 PM

DK

“ *Debbie King lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Debbie King - June 25, 2019 at 10:12 PM

RL

“ *Rusty&Kathy Lowrance lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Rusty&Kathy Lowrance - June 25, 2019 at 03:54 PM

DB

“ *We did not personally know him but it is evident he had a full life and is with the Father for eternity. We know he will be missed, our condolences to the Coker family.*Doyle and Cindy Browning

Doyle and Cindy Brownig - June 25, 2019 at 12:13 PM

DB

“ *Doyle And Cindy Brownig lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*

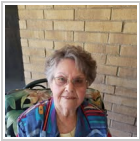


Doyle and Cindy Brownig - June 25, 2019 at 12:08 PM

TM

“ I have many fond childhood memories of visiting Johnny, Delores, DeAnn, John and Mike at their home in Sanger. I love this family and am very saddened to learn of the loss of Johnny. He was a wonderful man whom I admired. Sending love hugs and prayers for this beautiful family.

Tracy McMeans - June 25, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III



Melba Mower - June 25, 2019 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ Tracy (Weaver) & Joe McMeans and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John William Coker III.



Tracy (Weaver) & Joe McMeans and family - June 25, 2019 at 10:16 AM

ND

“ Nolan And Lee Dunlap lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III



Nolan and Lee Dunlap - June 25, 2019 at 10:02 AM

PH

“ *Paula Harley lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Paula Harley - June 25, 2019 at 09:41 AM

LW

“ *Lilly May West*

Lilly May West - June 25, 2019 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ *Johnny & Charlene McCaghren lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Johnny & Charlene McCaghren - June 25, 2019 at 08:53 AM

MM

“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Mary Massengale - June 25, 2019 at 01:01 AM

DM

“ *Darlene Maxwell lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Darlene Maxwell - June 25, 2019 at 12:59 AM

LN

“ *Lara Burleson Nichols lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Lara Burleson Nichols - June 24, 2019 at 11:13 PM

GW

“ *Gail And Shirley Weldon lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III*



Gail and Shirley Weldon - June 24, 2019 at 07:47 PM

RM

“ *John was such an honorable man and an individual with such professionalism and integrity. I had a great deal of respect for John and was enamored by the devotion and commitment that he had to the hundreds of families that he served in Wise, Denton, Jack County and beyond.*



Roxanna Maddox - June 24, 2019 at 07:37 PM

MT

“ Marion & Debra Tillery lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III



Marion & Debra Tillery - June 24, 2019 at 04:32 PM

RM

“ Raymond Matlock lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III.



Raymond Matlock - June 24, 2019 at 02:29 PM

CC

“ Cristy Cook lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III



cristy cook - June 24, 2019 at 12:58 PM

GL

“ Greg, Jenilynn, & Landon Lewis lit a candle in memory of John William Coker III



Greg, Jenilynn, & Landon Lewis - June 24, 2019 at 12:30 PM