



## John McCants

September 24, 1948 - October 24, 2018

John McCants, Jr. was born September 24, 1948, in Repton, Alabama, the oldest child of John and Mary McCants. He grew up in Pensacola, Florida, graduating from St. Joseph High School in 1966. He then enlisted in the Navy, volunteering for duty in Vietnam during his last year of service. When he returned home, he and his brother Sam went to Oral Roberts University on basketball scholarships. After his four years at ORU, he married Cathy Severson in May, 1976 in the front yard of his parents home in Pensacola. Their daughter Andrea was born in May 1978 and Aaron was born in October 1980.

He had an entrepreneurial gift and bought his first semi truck in 1979. He and Cathy spent 18 years in the long-haul trucking business, John McCants Trucking. They bought Briarwood Car Care in March of 1996. John did the car repair and maintenance while Cathy ran the office. John was much more than just a mechanic. He also handed out life advice, prayers, laughs and hope to many loyal customers over the 18 years they owned this business. When cancer reoccurred in 2013, it forced their retirement in March of 2014. He spent his retirement packing as much life, travel and fishing in as he could. He loved to fish ♦ really loved to be outdoors and watch his pole bend with the weight of the BIG one! Everywhere he traveled he looked for a place to fish. Passing a pond or a lake, he never failed to speculate about what kind of fish might be caught.

John was a man of incredible character. His faith in Jesus shown as a bright light. He took the words of John 13:35 seriously. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." He promoted unity in this world with a handshake, his signature smile and a simple greeting. He didn't let you be a stranger. He was a brother to so many people over the years because he fearlessly let them into his heart and they responded in kind.

John joined the great cloud of witnesses in the early morning on Wednesday, October 24th. Many including his father, John McCants and his son, Aaron who both passed in 1998, welcomed him to his heavenly home. He made it in time to celebrate Aaron's birthday on October 26. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cathy McCants, daughter Andrea Eads (Eugene), his mother Mary McCants, his siblings Elzora, Sam, Hilda and Lucinda. Family was very important to John and he is deeply missed by many nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws and church family.

Memorial Service will be 11am, Monday November 5, 2018 at God's Shining Light Church, 9897 E. 11th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in John's name to God's Shining Light Church.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *May you rest in peace cousin!!!*

Shenita Connally - April 22, 2021 at 04:01 PM



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



November 01, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John McCants.*



October 30, 2018 at 01:45 PM

LA


“ *I was sadden to hear of jr transition, may God keep the family in this time of loss. My condolences to you all.*



Lafondra - October 29, 2018 at 10:12 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album

 My daughter, Catherine, & granddaughter, Violet, visiting with John & Cathv July

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**Ray Sherwood** - October 27, 2018 at 08:15 AM

CI

“ *Larry and I will miss John so much. We became good friends through the loss of our sons. We helped each other. Cathy & John introduced us to Gods Shinning Light Church. We enjoyed having lunch together just about every Sunday. Lots of memories of Aaron on our trip to Mexico to build houses in Juarez. We will never forget John. Love to Cathy and Andrea. Cindy & Larry Smith*

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**Cindy** - October 26, 2018 at 04:57 PM

RH

“ *I only knew John for a short while. I met John at the annual Compassionate Friend's Christmas program. He and I developed a bond because both of our sons had died. John's greatest gift was he cared about everybody. The world was a better place because of his presence and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

*Ruben Haye*

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**Ruben Haye** - October 26, 2018 at 10:09 AM

JO

“ I only knew John from a distance until a couple years ago, but I knew and adored his son, Aaron, since we were teenagers. When I had the honor and pleasure to sit and talk with John and Cathy nearly 18 years after Aaron’s passing, it became clear to me how and why I felt so drawn to Aaron’s presence. What a duo, I tell ya! John’s positive energy and upbeat outlook on life was so inspiring. He was already battling cancer at the time but was ready to try new approaches to his healing and was full of love and gratitude for all that life brings. I feel so blessed to have shared even just a few moments with such a kind and beautiful soul. I am forever grateful to him and Cathy for brining us Aaron, and even moreso, for their ability to continue living and loving life after experiencing such a tremendous loss. Sending love and hugs to Cathy and Andrea as they grieve and heal, and continue to live and love life as John taught all who knew him to be the right and true path forward. 🙏❤️

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**Joslyn** - October 25, 2018 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ I have known John and Cathy for 46 years. My fondest memory of John is studying at ORU for classes and traveling to PA for Little Bit's wedding. I clearly remember visiting John and Cathy Andrea and Aaron and having wonderful talks with John and Cathy on the phone and in person over the years. I will miss him until I go to heaven

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**Ruth Sharp** - October 25, 2018 at 06:34 PM

JD

“ Our son Matt and Aaron played soccer together. That is where we met John and Cathy. They were wonderful people and parents. John was always a delight to visit with. Our thoughts and prayers to Cathy....

*The Dillsavers*

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**Joe Dillsaver** - October 25, 2018 at 06:14 PM

KA

“ John’s laugh was contagious and his advice always full of wisdom. Everyone who was blessed to know John and talk to him left a better person. He will be missed by our entire family.

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**Kimberly Armstrong** - October 25, 2018 at 05:42 PM