



John Wilson Collier

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John Wilson Collier passed from this life into his eternal Heavenly Home on Feb 28, 2021. Johnny fiercely loved his family and friends, he loved strangers, and folks no one would even think to speak to. But most of all Johnny loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Born 1954 in Longview, Texas the second of six children to Bobby and Alice Collier. Johnny always cherished times spent in the many gatherings of the large Collier family. He always said he and his oldest brother Robert started working at the family business, Collier's Furniture Store, when they were in grade school. Johnny played football, baseball, and basketball growing up and had athleticism that seemed to run in the family. He was proud to be a Longview Lobo and loved sitting in the "Collier section" for home games. He especially loved bringing his grandsons with him. After graduating from Longview High in 1973, Johnny went on to graduate with High Honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 1977 and became a die-hard Longhorn Football fan holding season tickets to home games.

Always a very successful salesman, Johnny was hired in 1986 by Whirlpool Corporation to introduce KitchenAid large appliances to Dealers and Distributors. It was also that year that he met his future wife Carole. As Johnny's business with KitchenAid grew, he also began acquiring Rental Property in Longview and became successful in that endeavor as well. Johnny and Carole were married in 1988 and Johnny pursued his goal of becoming a Financial Planner/Advisor which began a 30-year career in that industry. His last years of employment were with Wells Fargo Advisors, partnering with his youngest brother Glenn. He loved his work until retiring a year ago.

Johnny and Carole together raised 4 children--Brandon, Melissa, Christi, and Randell. Johnny was so very proud of each one of his children's accomplishments, attending all their Spring Hill sports and activities. Johnny was fun and funny, always



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making others laugh at his often corny jokes. He wanted his children to grow up with a great sense of integrity and a will to work hard at whatever they tackled. His grandchildren will remember Paw Paw adventures and activities they engaged in together out at the log house and land that was Johnny's dream come true. He loved growing a huge garden each year and had become a passionate deer hunter.

Perhaps Johnny will be best remembered as a man with a passion for those that struggled with life-controlling issues. He felt called by God to be a friend to the "least and the lost" and served actively in many capacities to live out this ministry. Johnny was Board President over the years at Newgate Mission, Twelve Way Foundation in Marshall, and House of Disciples. In each case, Johnny was hands-on getting to know those that needed help-- and was always opening his heart and home to the many, many friends he made along the way. During those years, Johnny became a member of Pathway Church family, which he loved so very much. His love of music led him to enjoy being a part of the House of Disciples band as they traveled to prisons and all around the area to praise the Lord.

Johnny was preceded in death by his oldest son Brandon Collier; father, Bobby Collier; and sister Mary Pierce; as well as his beloved little dog Spanky. He is survived by his wife Carole; daughter Melissa and her husband Bill Gepford and grandson Finn; daughter Christi, her husband Kael Bostick, and grandson Jakobe Peters; son (and favorite person in the world to watch Longhorn Football with) Randell; and grandson Caleb Collier. He is also survived by his mother Alice Collier, brother Robert Collier and wife Teresa, brother Kyle Collier and wife Martha, brother Glenn Collier and wife Rhetta, and sister Katey Collier. Also, surviving is his father-in-law Harold Raines and wife Betty; sister-in-law Kathy and husband Bill; Uncle Joe Collier and Aunt Doris Collier; and a host of nieces, nephews, and beloved cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 5 at 10 am at First United Methodist Church Longview in the Sanctuary. For those who would like to attend the funeral via live stream, you can visit livestream.lvfumc.org. A private family burial to follow at Woodley Cemetery in Elysian Fields. Social distancing and masks will be required, and seating is limited.

In lieu of flowers: Donations may be made to First United Methodist Church 400 N.



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Fredonia Longview, TX 75601 or Pathways Church 913 W. Loop 281 Suite 122
Longview, TX 75604



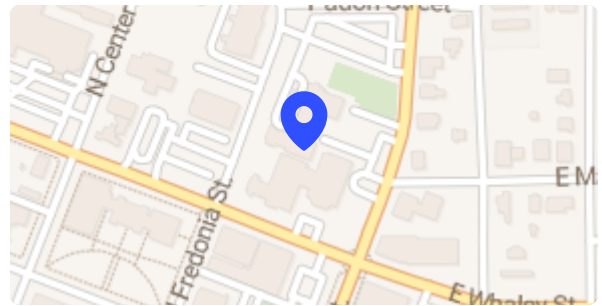
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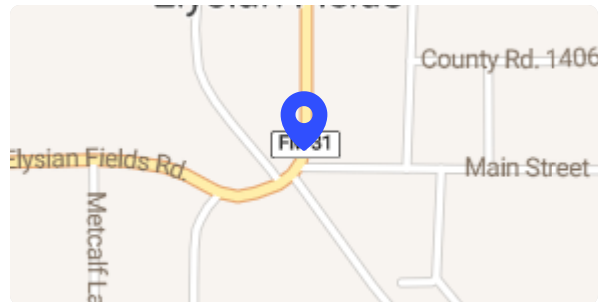
Funeral Service

- Friday**, March 5, 2021
- 10:00 AM CT
- First United Methodist Church**
400 N. Fredonia St., Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Woodley Cemetery**
Elysian Fields TX





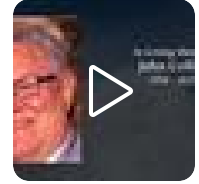
Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



March 4 at 6:44 AM

SJ

Scott E Johnson posted:

I rember Johnny growing up in Longview. He played football , I played Trombone! I remember John's slow Texas Drawl. I wish I'd known we were both at UT at the same time. Hook 'em.

March 6 at 2:03 PM

SM

Steve Mallory posted:

Carole,I was shocked and saddened to hear about Johnny passing. I will always cherish the many conversations we had about the Longhorns as we both attended UT about the same time. Johnny never forgot the terrible seats he obtained for us at a Tx/OU game in the early 90's. I still think of Johnny every year at Tx/OU time. May God bless you and your family during this sad time.

March 6 at 3:04 AM

CT

Charles Turner posted:

Carole, I'm so sorry to hear about Johnny. I hadn't seen him since we ran into each other at Lubys a couple of years ago. Johnny and I became friends when we worked together back at AG Edward's downtown. He was a great person to be around and I'll always remember his sense of humor and his laugh. We're praying for you and your family.Charles and Lana Turner

March 5 at 1:13 PM

RW

Reagan Brenda Wyche posted:

Reagan and I are so sorry for your family's loss and can't imagine life without your smiling face but know you are still smiling down on us all from heaven. Such precious memories forever ...Love and prayers for peace and comfort for your friends and family. You will be terribly missed by everyone you touched Johnny.

March 5 at 6:16 AM



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Rebecca Baker Small posted:

One of many memories of Johnny, from years ago, was going to see Stevie Ray Vaughan along with Trent Ford and Suzanne Ford Collier. Johnny enjoyed the show, as we all did, and I am so glad he got to see one of his favorite bands live. My sincere condolences, Rebecca Baker Small

March 4 at 5:43 PM



Tracy Hellner posted:

My deepest condolences on the loss of a great man. Tracy Brown Hellner

March 4 at 1:05 PM



Brad And Donna Everett sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Collier family.



March 4 at 12:39 PM



Judi Humphrey Reigel posted:

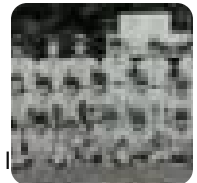
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind; Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave. My heartfelt condolences to Carole and the Collier Family.

March 4 at 10:20 AM



Bruce Riley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was so sad to hear of Johnny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I knew Johnny from Foster Junior High and Longview Senior High and we played Little League Baseball together for 4 years on the Camels and Cubs teams. I have very fond memories of Johnny and mostly remember that he was always smiling and seemed to be a very happy person. To Carole and the Collier Family, May the love of our God bring Peace to you in this saddest of times.



March 4 at 9:45 AM

BR **Bruce Riley** March 4 at 9:50 AM

This picture was from the All Stars team of 1967. Johnny is back row, 3rd player from the left.



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Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Collier family.

March 4 at 7:34 AM



Shane Graves And Traci & John Cotton & Families sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Collier family.

March 4 at 6:09 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Collier family.

March 4 at 3:51 AM



Janis Reeves Varner posted:

Whenever we saw Johnny at family things are just around town he always was smiling and helping someone with something. What a precious light in this world. Our prayers to his lovely family in this time of loss. Ron and Janis Varner

March 4 at 2:25 AM



Kaye Dillard posted:

Carole and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers for your family during your time of grief. Kaye Dillard

March 4 at 12:49 AM



Hall, Cheri, Westin And Chase sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Collier family.

March 3 at 5:11 PM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Collier family.



March 3 at 11:38 AM



Robert Raines posted:

The entire Raines family in Virginia send our love and deep sadness at this terrible loss. Our thoughts are with you.

March 3 at 11:00 AM



Debbie Richardson posted:

To Johnny's family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I went all though school with Johnny and have such fond memories. I know you will miss him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

March 3 at 10:04 AM



Martha Hill posted:

Carole so sorry for your loss. We all loved Johnny and his great sense of humor. Please know we are all praying for you and your extended family. I know there was a band of angels around Johnny to welcome him home to be with our Father in Heaven.

March 3 at 9:14 AM



Love From The Gary And Martha Hill Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Collier family.



March 3 at 9:01 AM



Alan Shepperd posted:

Carole and family, Please accept our prayers and sincere condolences. Johnny was a good friend and fellow classmate, both at LHS and the University of Texas. He was a kind person with a great sense of humor. It was always a pleasure to see him and reminisce when I saw him at Lobo games. It was my honor and privilege to call him my friend and he will be greatly missed.

March 3 at 8:14 AM



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JW

Jimmy Walker posted:

Johnny was such a joy to work with. Judy and I always enjoyed meeting Johnny in his office. Of course one of the main topics of conversation was his and our beloved Longhorns. Johnny had a wonderful sense of humor and an overwhelming desire to help those in need. The Longview community as well as the world is diminished by Johnny's absence. We are praying for Carol and the family. My good old friend, you will be missed. Judy and Jimmy Walker

March 3 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Collier family.



March 3 at 7:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Collier family.



March 3 at 6:00 AM

AG

Angie Guest posted:

Dearest Carole and kids: My hear breaks for you. The words in the Obituary are so special. Sweet Carole your words just flow, you have a special gift. I love you each so much and pray for the strength that only Our Savior can give.

March 3 at 5:46 AM

SK

Susan Kranz posted:

Glenn and family,My heart goes out to you and your family after hearing about the loss of your brother Johnny. With his great healing powers, may God give you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Once again, I am so sorry for your loss.Susan Kranz

March 3 at 3:30 AM



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Carter Tucker posted:

Carole and Family I am So Sorry to learn of Your Loss Please accept my Deepest Condolences

March 2 at 4:43 PM



Jim Kranz posted:

I have known Johnny most of his life and knew him to be a good kind man. Everytime our paths crossed I was left enriched and lifted up from our visit no matter how brief. To his family i offer my sincerest condolences and I pray for comfort and peace from a loving God. Johnny was a blessing to many .

March 2 at 3:28 PM



Terry Reed posted:

Robert and family, Robert sorry to hear about Johnny. I highly respected your family and Johnny was a good example to what your family represented in Longview for years. Hope you and Miss Therese is well. We will see Johnny again. Thats the good news. Hold your head up, Jesus is in charge. Love yaw

March 2 at 2:18 PM



Barbara Forrest posted:

I am heartbroken. Johnny was a dear friend and a colleague of many years. He was fun and funny and I loved working with him. I am so thankful for the time I got to spend working and laughing with this really good man. Carole, I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort and sustain you through this difficult time.

March 2 at 1:50 PM



Resa Allen lit a candle in honor of John.



March 2 at 11:35 AM

RA **Resa Allen** March 2 at 11:39 AM

My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. There are now words adequate to define my sorrow. You are all in my heart and I love each one of you. Resa



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DM

Debbie Stone Matte posted:

The Stone family and Collier family have had a special connection for many years. While our hearts are so sad of Johnny passing we treasure memories. Johnny and I attended school together from 1st grade and graduating together. He was always smiling and a blessing to everyone. Our family is praying for comfort and peace for Carole and all Johnny family. Praise God he is healed!Debbie Stone Matte

March 2 at 11:18 AM

TO

Tiffany Olason lit a candle in honor of John.



March 2 at 11:14 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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