



John Richard Cummins

October 13, 1930 - May 15, 2024

John Richard Cummins, son of Jimmie Lenora Mahaley and Marvin Earnest Cummins, was born October 13, 1930, in Rice, Texas. He went to his eternal home on May 15, 2024, at the age of 93. Growing up, he attended schools in Rice and Corsicana, Texas. Richard played football at Texas A&M University, followed by Kilgore Jr. College, and the University of Florida until he was drafted by the Army during the Korean War. He was stationed at Ft. Ord in California. After leaving the Army, he played one season with the San Francisco Forty-Niners before returning to Corsicana to become a businessman in the oil and gas industry in Navarro and surrounding counties. Richard married Mary Joan Lansford on January 22, 1955. She predeceased him on May 3, 2023. Also predeceasing him are his older brother, James Earnest Cummins, and his daughter, Catherine Cummins. He is survived by his daughter Denise Poole (Doug), Son John Richard Cummins, Jr. (Gail), daughter Carin Cummins Zito (Paul), and his grandchildren Jonathan Moseley (Nancy), Laura DeAnda-Hall (Alan), Erin Pederson (Cutter), Steven Poole (Gina), Alex Cummins (Jackie), Michele Cummins (Clarence), Lianna Zito, Katarina Zito, and Naomi Zito, and 6 great-grandchildren. Special recognition and thanks go to his excellent caregivers and New Century Hospice.

There are no services planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

VW

“ *In a lifetime of business there is seldom a time when you can love a partner. When I was a professor Richard made sure I always had 2 Bibles on my desk - one to give away to students. In my oilfield world I always had a truly respected friend with amazing knowledge. I guess I've had best friends but never one like Richard. To the family I send all the blessings that God will know you need. He will be sorely missed in this world. He was a unique man of God, partner, friend and confident. I will honor him at Silver Taps next year at Texas A&M.*

Vern

Vern Wilson - May 22, 2024 at 03:51 PM

WG

“ *Rick and Carin,
As you know, Richard and Joan were great family friends. I remember when your family came to West Texas for an extended period of time. We had some great times at the lake. Your dad was a great mentor to me and Susan and I miss them a lot. Just remember that we will see them again. We know where they are!*

Wayne Gullett

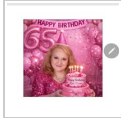
Wayne Gullett - May 20, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Rick, Carin, and Family - Words cannot express how much we loved your dad and mother. They were so good to the Kesinger's. Richard told Randy and me after my dad died that he and Joan were our " parents now". Please know that we pray for the repose of his soul, and that we're praying for all of you too. Love and Prayers! Marinelle and Randy,*



Marinelle Szenasy - May 17, 2024 at 12:48 PM



I wish I had known this sooner. He and your mom had a huge impact on my life. They were my substitute Parents at First Baptist Church!!!! I don't know if Rick remembers but you taught me how to drive a standard. What an experience!!!! I also remember your dad letting us call someone from his car phone, way before there were cell phones!!!! His smile could light up a room. You were so blessed. I Remember your mom telling us she was a Rangerette. I'm sorry for your loss. Prayers!! Rae Cene Crowley Barton

Rae Barton - January 05, 2025 at 05:46 PM