



John DeFrance

April 1, 1953 - August 7, 2015

John DeFrance of Fairfield, TX passed away at his residence on Friday, August 7, 2015 at the age of 62. He was born in Palestine, TX. to Franklin DeFrance and Sarah Stoffels DeFrance on April 1, 1953. John married Helen Hendrix on October 1, 1977 in Denton, TX.. He recently retired at the end on March this year from Big Brown as a mechanic after 37 1/2 years. He was a member of the St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church in Fairfield. He enjoyed investigating the history of Freestone County by spending countless hours at the courthouse. He was at home in the country raising cattle and spending time outdoors hunting hogs and taking pictures of anything that might happen that day. He kept a calendar at home writing down the days events and who he may have met or visited with that day. John's most enjoyment came from his family his wife and children and especially his grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his parents Franklin and Sarah DeFrance and a sister Shirley DeFrance. He is survived by his wife of almost 38 years Helen DeFrance of Fairfield. Children; Christy Pierce and husband Jason of Cranfills Gap, Michael DeFrance and wife Meagan of Fairfield, Jason DeFrance and wife Tara of Fairfield and Kimberly DeFrance of Dallas. Grandchildren; Merritt, Caiden, Jaidyn, Harper and Corbin. Siblings; Ron DeFrance and wife Debbie, Ken DeFrance and wife Karen, Billy DeFrance and wife Norma Dale, Mark DeFrance and wife Glisa, Trish Barnett and husband Roger, Thomas DeFrance and wife Andrea, Margaret White and Norma Bond and husband

Joe. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Rosary will be recited Monday evening at 6pm in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home in Fairfield. Visitation with the family will follow from 7 - 9pm in the Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 10am at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Fairfield with Monsignor Zacharias Kunnakkattuthara as Celebrant. Burial will follow at Antioch Cemetery with Ryan Bond, Jared DeFrance, Jacob DeFrance, Matthew DeFrance, Brent Scott, John Hendrix and Bill Hendrix serving as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

FM 1364
Fairfield, TX 75840

Previous Events

Rosary Service

AUG 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield
450 East Main Street
Fairfield, TX 75840
(903) 389-9217
info@griffin-roughton.com

Family Visitation

AUG 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Bernard Catholic Church
630 W. Main
Fairfield, TX 75840

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John DeFrance



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 10, 2015 at 12:10 AM



“ John DeFrance

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Mark, just read about your grand-dad today/ you have my deepest condolences. Please write when you can mchavez4gfi2aol.com...Ps139...he knows where we are....



Mike Chavez - January 14, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John DeFrance.



August 10, 2015 at 04:43 PM

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“ Karen Deleon purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of John DeFrance.



Karen Deleon - August 10, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of John DeFrance.



August 10, 2015 at 03:01 PM



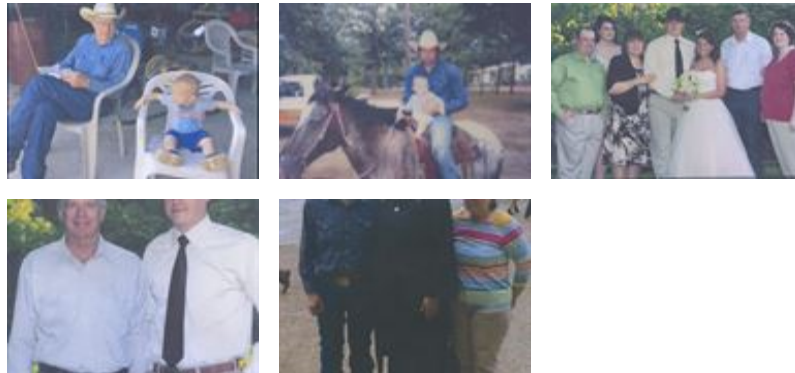
“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John DeFrance.



August 10, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 09, 2015 at 11:57 PM



“ Robert, Sarah, and Kati Linton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John DeFrance.



Robert, Sarah, and Kati Linton - August 09, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing, He was one of the hardest working, kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I remember him throughout my many years in 4-H with Helen, the kids and their animals. He was always ready to step up and help. Helen , Christy, Jason , Michael and Kimberly you are in my prayers and I am so very sorry for your loss.

Vanessa Smith - August 09, 2015 at 06:45 PM



Sarah Shamblin

Sarah Shamblin - August 11, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John DeFrance.*



August 09, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John DeFrance.*



August 09, 2015 at 11:38 AM