



## John Franklin Nichols

October 29, 1952 - February 9, 2025

John Franklin Nichols, Jr., age 72, of Frost, Texas, passed away on February 9, 2025, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He was born on October 29, 1952, in Dallas, Texas, to parents John and Billie Nichols.

John is survived by his loving wife, Vickie Nichols; son, Christopher Nichols and wife Kayla; grandchildren, Briel Reese, Easton Nichols, and one grandchild on the way, Stetson Nichols; nephew, John Smith and wife Elizabeth; step-grandchildren, Austin Rice, Rowdy Rice, Jaycee Rice, Mackenzie Leggett, Maxwell Leggett, Amelia Leggett; step-great-grandchildren, Luke Smith, Bradley Rice. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Beverly Smith.

John, a proud native of Frost, Texas, came from a family deeply rooted in the community, as his mother was born on land in Frost. He had a passion for the outdoors—he loved building fires, bird hunting (especially for dove and quail), and was known as a skilled lumberjack, always ready to cut down trees. He dedicated 33 years of his life to the Dallas Fire Department, where he was affectionately known as "Turtle."

More than anything, John cherished time with his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Pappa T." He had a remarkable sense of humor and took great joy in making people laugh. His presence brought warmth and laughter to those

around him, and he will be deeply missed.

Visitation with the family will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Frost Cemetery, officiated by Bro. Brian Connally.

John's legacy of love, laughter, and service will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Frost Cemetery

FM 667 and HWY 22  
Frost, TX 76641

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Graveside Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Frost, TX 76641

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Rivera, Burden and Brown Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Franklin Nichols.*



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**The Rivera, Burden and Brown Families** - February 17, 2025  
at 09:41 AM

PJ

“ *God bless you all you are in my prayers* 🙏🏻✝️  
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**Peggy Jordan** - February 12, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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“ *D&S Field Services purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Franklin Nichols.*



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**D&S Field Services** - February 12, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ One of the sweetest men I have ever met. Johnny always had a smile on his face. I was so happy when he and Vickie married and found happiness. I could see how much they loved each other. Vickie you loved and cared for him to the end exactly how he wanted it. He wasn't ready to go but God had a different plan. No more suffering and he woke up in his new Heavenly Home. We are never ready to give the ones we love up, but remember God chose each of you to be a special part of Johnny's life. Find comfort thinking about the reunion he must be having greeted by all his old friends and family once again... Love and prayers to you all Brett, Diane and Family

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**DIANE DOUGLAS** - February 12, 2025 at 09:35 AM

RJ

I went to work the same day as John for the DFD. Super nice guy so much fun in Rookie School. I'm the one that put the nickname Turtle on him. At an exercise they smoked up the drill tower and we had to go in our mask looking for dummies. The mask we're supposed to last 15 min. But you're excited and scared they might not last 5 min. I got out before John and when he came out his helmet was on backwards. I saw him when he came out and told the other guys he looked like a turtle poking out of his shell and it stuck the name turtle head for 33 yrs

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**Roger Joyner** - February 15, 2025 at 10:54 PM