



John R. Benford, Jr. Obituary

April 19, 1948 - May 6, 2003

A member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Worked with Dougherty County Emergency Medical Services and was a Deputy Coroner for Dougherty County.

Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Benford, Jr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *John Benford was a very special friend of mine all through high school up until I moved from Albany. I just saw this website and my heart is very sad. To his wife, my heartfelt sympathies. He always saw the good in people. Sincerely, Gloria Adamson*

Gloria Adamson - August 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family of "Big John",
To each and everyone of you I would like to express my deepest sympathy. I am a former member of the Dougherty County Rescue Team in which we both volunteered. I haven't kept contact with my former team-mates since moving to Florida. One of the reasons I became an EMT and later a Nurse, is because of the example John set. His kindness, understanding and his passion to care for others. His is and truly was one-of-a-kind. I'm sure that "Big John" will and is being rewarded for his time of service to mankind. God Bless!*

Vincent "Vince" Corcoran - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VC

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Vincent "Vince" Corcoran - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ To John's wife, Rose: We've never met but I was John's 1st cousin. You've spoken to My Sister, JoAnn. At one time John & I were closer than We were toward the end. He was My Best Man at My wedding in 1984. I loved Him & can't believe He's gone. My prayers are with You. God bless.

Michael Colacicco - May 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Benford on his passing.

Charles Exum - Lowndes County Coroner - May 15, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ MY HEART WEEPS
FOR YOU AND YOURS
CRICKET....GOD BLESS

SUZANNE HUNTLEY - May 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Deepest sympathy from the Tift County Coroner's Office. Joe and Mike Beaumont.*

Mike Beaumont, Deputy Coroner - Tift County - May 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you Rose. If you need anything you know how to reach me.*

*Our love,
Annie and Chuck*

Annie and Chuck - May 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My prayers and thoughts will be with you. May God Bless you and Keep you.*

Brenda J. Williams, Coroner Wilkinson Co. - May 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *My most sincere condolences are passed your way ~ I just lost my Mom this Sunday past and I know how you feel ~ my wishes for you and your family are very heartfelt. With Love, Laura*

Laura Lubenesky - May 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *As a former manager with the waffle house I have known John for many years. I am very sorry to hear of his passing and pray he finds the peace that he could not find while here on earth with us.*

Chuck Gordon - May 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ ROSE..MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND ALL OF THE FAMILIES. JOHN WAS A GIANT AMONG MEN AND EVERYONE LOVED HIM AS HE LOVED ALL OF US. LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING BUT TRUST IN THE LORD.....

JOYCE HOLSTON - May 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Will be praying for John and his family. John was a close friend of mine and did many things for EMS by volunteering his time and effort. John will be missed by many. I live in Concan, TX but John and his family will be on our minds.
In Christian Love,
Chip and Barbara Browning

John "Chip" Browning - May 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ To the family:

J.B. was a friend of mine - I first rode with him & Lanny Sears, who was my EMT class teacher, back in the early '80's. I then went on to work for Worth County EMS & Terrell County EMS, before moving to Arizona to work on the Apache Reservation as a nurse. I always remember him as happy-go-lucky, and a joke a minute. He was also a member/co-worker of the Rescue Team, and we will always remember him as a team member, & a buddy. I don't know what was going on in his life, but he will always remain in my prayers and memories.

Last Call, J.B.

"Rambo"

Karen Stokes (Rambo) - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Good bye John, I am going to miss you. You were a special man with a special purpose in life. EMS has lost a good man. May you rest in the most peaceful state possible. God bless you and may angels guide you through eternity, your friend, greg

greg rowe - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Rose & Munchin...I love you both and my thoughts and prayers are with you..God
Bless you both...
Love,
Becky

Rebecca Mason - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I pray that all John's concerns are all now laid to rest and he walks the path of peace and tranquillity.

Jades - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ NO WORDS EXPRESS THE SORROW AT THE LOSS OF JOHN...THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY

judy myers - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ With all my sincere prayers and love to the family of John. May they know the comfort of the Lord and all that He has to offer. Many blessings to all. Amen

Prudie Montana - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Linda Soulis - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *my heart is out for the family, very sorry for the loss*

dennis organ - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *YOU AN YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS, GOD BLESS YOU ALL, JOHN IS IN GODS HANDS NOW,*

BARBARA JOHNSON - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My Dear Rose,
Brady and I were extremely saddened to hear of your lost. I realize how strong the bond was between you and John and can imagine how devastated you must feel of his passing. There is nothing one can say except that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. We feel we have lost a fine friend and will miss him. Please call us anytime, I'm hear to talk with if you need me.
Orlando, FL (407)532-3522.
May John rest and always be at peace in the heavens.
Sinerely, Angie and Brady*

Brady Bell III & Angie Woodford - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *"Big" John, the ham community will surely miss you. Brinson, formerly KA4KLN*

Brinson Phillips - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ To family of John.
I very sorry of the incident. If there is anything that myself or my family can do, Please ask. I know that the Forensic section of the police dept. will do anything to help you at your time of need. Please, all you have to do is ask. My number is 229-878-3141. If I'm not there, leave a message and I will call you. Again, I feel your lost because I just lost my son.
CPL Zok.

Cpl Daniel L. Zok - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sincere sympathies in your loss of a wonderful man.
He is with the Angels now and will be at rest.

Miriam Rosen - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ As a valued member of the AOL community you will be sorely missed.

Ralph Gerber - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Although i didn't know you too well, other than in the chat room, you have always been a friend, and will remain in my heart. God speed and may His angels watch over you. You will be sadly missed.
Love, Mare

MARYANNE POWER - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ sorry for your lose thoughts & prayers with you and your family in your time of sorrow

sandi patriarca - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Our Heartfelt prayers are with you Rose and family, just know that we love you and if there is anything at all we can do in this time of sorrow please let us know

Beth and Doug Todd - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My heartfelt prayers go out to Rose and family

Eddie McDermott - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My dear Rose and "Munchkin"..

Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. I love you and I loved John dearly. All of you have touched and been a part of my life and its been such a blessing. To lose one of you leaves a void..that can never be refilled..except with the wonderful memories we share of John and our times with him.

I wish I could carry your pain..but only God can do that.

God bless you both.

*All my love,
Whisper (Sammye)*

Sammye Bray - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOST YOU AND THE FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS JUST TRUST IN JESUS HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

BERNICE MANUEL - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I have known Big John for over 20 years. John was my friend, co-worker and he has a big heart for all. Big John: God Bless you and my prayers go out to your family.

ray eubanks - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ dear rose and kayla, youre on my mind and in my heart... God bless...

Martin Ostrovitz - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ May God bless you and give you comfort at this time. John will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Kat Quinn-Rosser - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ To John's Family:
I am the daughter of T. W. Burt and have known "Big John" for many years. I am so sorry for your loss. "Big John" will certainly be missed by many, but will always be remembered for his good nature.

Brenda Burt Cameron - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My prayers aree with you
Now and always
Annette

Annette - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Rose and family
you are in our prayers, and have our deepest sympathy. If there is
anything we can do, please let us know. If you need someone to talk
to please call
We love you
Sandy and Chuck*

mr&mrs charles miller - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *John...may the good Lord be with you and watch over you
always....love you and will miss you...prayers to you and your family*

Bonnie Rigdon - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *As the Coroner of Colquitt County and also a medic, I send you my
deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you and your family.*

John Vickers - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *May God be with you and your family during this rough time - please
know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Ritzi Forren - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I am so sorry. My prayers are with you.*

Karen Bernard - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ cricket im so sorry and you have my love and prayers at this time im so glad i got to meet both of you ida

ida mott - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Bernard - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our sincere sympathies to the family of John Benford, Jr.

Mr & Mrs. Thomas L. King Sr., Coroner, Columbia Co - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Words can never express my sorrow for you and your family at this difficult time. God will help you!! My prayers are with you.

Joyce Walker - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My deepest sympathies to Rose and her daughter, and John's family. My heart is filled with much sadness. May the Lord comfort you with his love. God bless all of you.
Kate

Kate - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ John was a joy to know. Always kind and so much fun to talk to. I don't know why God called him home now. Rose, Kayla God be with you and comfort you in this time of greif. Love to you Karen

Karen - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Rose and family you are in my thoughts and prayers are with you. Allow yourself to grieve and know we are right there with you gal, if not in body then in spirit. Blessings,
Linda

Linda M. Haydon - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I grew up with JB and have many happy memories of him in the old neighborhood and as teenagers both of us were part of my brother Tommy's pit crew for his dirt track race car. This is like losing another brother for me, I will keep all of his family in my prayer life. May God be with all of you and please focus on the good times not how his life ended!

Eddie Watson - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ So sorry too hear about you loss theres always a special place in my heart for john and his family

william lewis - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ I talked to John at the two Orlando bashes I attended. He was a great person full of life and vitality. Who believed in people and what he was doing in life. As everyone who knew him I will miss him and his warm personality. Hang in there Cricket. With ALL my love ,
Carl.

Carl Veaux - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ May God be with you in your loss.

Ronald Rowe, Lee County Coroner - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Rose, cant include my favorite pic of the Right Reverand but you know I'm sending my Gawga Cuz all my love and peace as he joins God. I'm here if and when you need me.

Sandy Billings - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family.

Randolph County EMS - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM