



John "Big John" Overgaauw

August 26, 1929 - November 16, 2014

"BIG JOHN"

8/26/1929-11/16/2014; Loving Husband of 65 years to his forever sweetheart "Carol", .Number "1" Dad to; Retha (Neil), Darla (Mike), Johnell (Al) .Loving Grandfather to; John (Jenny), Sara (Tyler), Emily, Kelly (Roger), Patty (Rob), Jennifer (Jason), Kevin (Aleshia), JR. Caring Great Grandfather to; Edison, Adriana, Jack, Bailey, Kyle and Kassie, Logan, Lauryn, Chloe. He will be joining Grandson Richard in Heaven.

The "circle of life" will continue on with the new arrival of great grandson Cruz in January and another baby in June. He was from a large family of 13 brothers and sisters, many he will be joining in heaven and others here celebrating his life!. "Big John" was a proud Teamsters Truck Driver for 41 years and a lifelong cowboy who was always happiest in his cowboy hat and boots. Through the years he tried it all. His favorites in the past years were riding his golf cart and singing Karaoke!

There were not many in any town he visited that did not know him personally by the time he left!

Big John, you left a mark on all of us! You will be missed and we will follow your wishes and forever celebrate the great life you showed us all we could have by your example.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ John was the most kindest man. I always looked up too John growing up as a kid. i think John was a mentor to any kid he knew. It is an honor to have known John.Lots of great memories at the cabin on bone lake. Thanks John. My thoughts and prayers go out to Carol, Retha,Darla,and Johnell. I miss all of you. Scott Lodien

scott - November 22, 2014 at 08:24 AM

DP

“ My dad was the greatest! Not only did he have a big personality, but a big heart. I will miss him.

darla pallow - November 20, 2014 at 07:41 PM

TM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Carol and your whole family. John was a great friend and will truly be missed. Sally and I will keep all of you in our prayers. Sally and Tom

Tom McCartan - November 20, 2014 at 07:08 AM



“ John's hearty laughter is in our memory of being with him at Neil and Retha's in Scandia. He would light up the room just by being there and was endlessly entertaining. And though I never got to hear his karaoke, I'm sure that it was a great time for those of you who did get to take part in that. His legacy lives on in the musical, dance, and acting talent that his children and grandchildren clearly have inherited from "Big John". Love from Ed and Jane

Jane Wachutka - November 19, 2014 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Celebration of his life!
Llalo Grande Park
11-19-14
3:00 golf cart parade
3:30 get together
4:30 karaoke
Dedicated to Big John*

Johnell Overgaaauw - November 19, 2014 at 10:41 AM

NF

“ *John will live on in my heart forever as my surrogate father! His bright personality created so many memories for me that I will never forget and always cherish. I will always love you Big John!*

Nancy Fisher - November 19, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MW

“ *Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Cherish the memories. Love mark and Marlene Wagner*

marlene wagner - November 18, 2014 at 06:23 PM

GB

“ *Aunt Carol and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers this week and in the weeks ahead. Praying for peace for each of you.*

Gene and Linda Boersma - November 18, 2014 at 06:10 PM

PM

*So sorry to hear of your loss - but always remember the Good Times !
Phil & Laura*

Phil Marzec - November 21, 2014 at 08:46 AM