

John B. Dillon

June 14, 1935 - September 17, 2020

John B. Dillon, 85, a longtime Miami resident, passed away on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Integris Miami. Mr. Dillon was born on June 14, 1935, in Baxter Springs, Kansas, to Frank P. and Agnes (Carter) Dillon. John graduated with the Class of 1953 from Galena High School. On January 22, 1955, he married the love of his life, Sereta Friend. John worked at the B.F. Goodrich plant until his retirement there. He then worked at Ozark Salad until his retirement there; he then drove a school bus for Miami Public Schools until his retirement from there. He and Sereta were members of First Assembly of God Church in Miami and were very active through the years. Among his many services for the church, John served in the roles of Royal Ranger leader, Chi Alpha sponsor, Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years, and on the Trustee and the Deacon Board for numerous terms. One of John's duties about which he was most passionate was serving as the director for 20 years of the Green Country Youth Camp. He also took great pleasure in working as the potato peeler and the candy skillet carrier for church dinners and the missionary candy making project. Mr. Dillon is preceded in passing by his parents Frank and Agnes Dillon, and one sister Lois Lewis.

Those who will carry on the legacy of John Dillon are his wife of sixty-five years Sereta Dillon, his children David Dillon and his wife Linda of Bixby, Daniel "Danny" Dillon and his wife Vonda of Miami, Debby Davis and her husband Scott of Idaho Falls Idaho, his grandchildren Danette Dillon, Dallas

Dillon and his wife Courtney, Destiny Dillon, Hallie Davis, Desiree Dillon, Eric Davis, Dalayna Dillon, Derecka Ybarra and her husband Carlos, his great grandson James Dillon, two sisters Gladys Boatwright and Judith Lambert along with his many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be on Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM at First Assembly of God Miami.

Services will be on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 2:00 PM at First Assembly of God in Miami with Reverend David Dillon officiating. Interment will follow at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Casket Bearers will be Dallas Dillon, Scott Davis, Carlos Ybarra, Jim Paxson, James Stoner and John McNally.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Kent and Sherry Sexton, Eugene and Kay Jones, Mary and Kenny Baldwin, Charles and Barbara Stoner, JoAnn Hughes, and Bill and Joy Stoner.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to <https://www.firebible.org/>.

Friends and family may send notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Dillon's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God-Miami
1815 E Steve Owens BLVD
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.miamifirstag.org>

Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

YK

“ I am so very saddened to learn of John's passing. Let me extend my deepest sympathy to the family. John was always pleasant and smiling. He was a true example of a Christian husband, father, friend, relative and an important part of his church family. I always bragged about being a distant cousin to Sereta and enjoyed our conversations. May the family find peace in knowing where John's new home is. May God bless you.

Yvonne Ketcher - September 23, 2020 at 11:05 PM

SC

“ Many prayers for your family Danny, I know you don't have FB

Susan Reynolds Craig

Susan Craig - September 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.



September 20, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.



September 20, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*



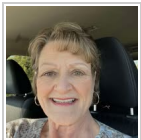
September 20, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*



September 20, 2020 at 06:31 AM



“ *Danny...Randy and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I pray peace and comfort for you and your family.*

Karen Pendley Hall - September 20, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*



September 19, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*

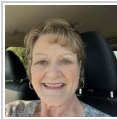


September 19, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *John was one of the best bus driver the schools ever had. Danny so sorry for you loss. I will pray for all of you.*

Sheri Scobee - September 19, 2020 at 10:17 PM



Danny...Randy and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I pray peace and comfort for you and your family.

Karen Pendley Hall - September 20, 2020 at 12:48 AM



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



September 19, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Have known him and Sereta for a long time they was a very special couple always there for everyone.I rember John driving the church bus and working with him and how all the kids loved him they rembered him from driving the school bus.God gained another angel .See you in Heaven John*

Rose Graham - September 19, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DS

“ Our sympathy to the family of John Dillion. He was a good Christian neighbor in our neighborhood and in Miami. He will be missed but we rejoice that his race is finished and he will receive his crown of glory from our LORD JESUS who John served many years.

Darrel and Kay Simmons - September 19, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DB

“ Many fond memories of this man as he extended himself in ministry. Conversations we had at youth camp as Director/Counselor. His dedication to Christ in many ways. Much love and prayers for the Dillon family. The Blessing: John is home!

Debra Burleson - September 19, 2020 at 12:37 PM

JH

“ Praying for Peace and Comfort from the Holy Spirit to surround the Dillon Family! Loved and respected John so much! Sereta praying for strength and love to be with you in the days ahead! I love you and your family!
Your friend, Jo Ann Hughes



Jo Ann Hughes - September 19, 2020 at 12:20 PM

KB

“ Dearest Sereta, Dan, Vonda, Desiree, Derekka and Carlos, and Dillon family, We are so deeply sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a sweet, kind, and gentle man, and his deep faith in our heavenly Father was inspiring. Because he was even a small part of our lives we are truly the blessed ones. We hurt for you and mourn with you, and we are praying for you. May Jesus wrap you Sereta, in his arms like a blanket of comfort, as you walk through this valley of grief. And may you receive great Grace to never feel alone. As you all reminisce over many beautiful memories you share of your dear husband, father, and grandpa, we trust and pray you are flooded with the immense love and pride he had for each of you.



Ken and Lorie Bailey - September 19, 2020 at 11:46 AM

VR

“ Growing up and being best buds with Debby, I spent many a night at John and Serita's. My parents never had to worry about me when I was in their care because they knew I was with salt-of-the-earth people...TRUE Christians. I loved going to their house. I know of no one who didn't like John. He was so kind, extremely kind. There is much comfort when you know Heaven awaits. And John was truly a man of God. My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time. You're like family to me and I love all of you. Rest well in God's embrace,
Vanessa Rhoades

Vanessa Rhoades - September 19, 2020 at 11:45 AM



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



September 19, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *This blue candle represents the personality of John. Always tender spoken, kind, and pleasant. We will miss him greatly.*



kathey - September 19, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*



September 19, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John B. Dillon.*



September 18, 2020 at 09:22 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear of John’s passing. He fought a hard fight and has entered into his Heavenly home to be forever happy and whole. Sereta, I am praying for you and your family in this difficult time. The church family will miss him so much too. He was a Godly example and a pillar of his Christian Faith!!! Job well done John! 🙏🙏



Terry Whiteley

Terry Whiteley - September 18, 2020 at 08:02 PM

KD

May God comfort you during this time. The entire church family mourns with you. God bless

Keila Dewey - September 18, 2020 at 08:32 PM

GL

Praying for the Comforter to surround you all. So sorry for this loss, but heavens gain.

glenda - September 18, 2020 at 11:50 PM

RE

I am so sorry for your loss! May God give you all comfort.

rhonda estep-baugh - September 19, 2020 at 04:39 AM

PC

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I will miss his hugs and his good sense of humor. Sereta & family, I love you all.

Pamela Corntassel - September 19, 2020 at 11:36 AM

KN

I always loved greeting John and you Serita once a month. As we greeted John, no matter how he felt, he always had a big smile and cheery "hello". He will be missed more than words can say, but I'm sure he would not come back here for anything! Serita and family, may the true promise of being reunited one day never to part again give you extreme comfort and love giving you strength as you walk the journey ahead. We love all of you with all our hearts! ❤️🙏

Karen Nixon - September 19, 2020 at 01:26 PM

PV

For 40 years we have always known you all as John and Sereta...for some years now we have enjoyed the fellowship of senior 'very important people", with gracious hosting by John and Sereta...over the years, a strawberry pie or coconut cream pie would bless our home, delivered by John and Sereta...our sons were both blessed with wedding gifts from John and Sereta...during times in nursing homes and in the VA Hospital in Little Rock, their kind and loving Christian fellowship was a blessing...Gob bless you Sereta and your family...as you and John have blessed so many, may you find a hundred fold of blessings to keep you in comfort and peace--John has gained the ultimate of blessing...he is now and forever in the presence of his Lord and Savior...may that be the ultimate testimony of John and Sereta....with love....Darrell and Paula

Paula Vanpool - September 19, 2020 at 04:05 PM

SA

So sorry to hear of John's passing! He was always the first to hug me and shake my hand every Sunday! He will be missed by all of us who knew him! What a wonderful man of God! We are praying for God's love and peace for his family during this time! I know he is now walking on those streets of Gold and fellow shipping with those gone before him! His family is in our praye rs!

ShAron Angle - September 20, 2020 at 02:20 PM

DT

John was a fantastic man of God, a leader, a great example of how to lead a Godly life. I remember John & Sereta giving so much time in the summer to look after all of us kids at church camp. Awesome job. You won the race and are pain free in Paradise. I pray The Holy Spirit will comfort all of your family; Sereta, David, Danny & Debbie. Love you all.

David Tromsness - September 20, 2020 at 09:40 PM