



## John E. Rhodes

July 18, 1941 - August 23, 2025

John E. Rhodes, 84, a resident of Fairland, Oklahoma, passed away at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri, on Saturday, August 23, 2025. John was born on July 18, 1941, in Commerce, Oklahoma, to Carroll Edward and Etholyne (McCord) Rhodes. He attended Fairland Public Schools before Mr. Rhodes entered the United States Navy and received an Honorable Discharge in San Diego, California. He married Sandy Liesenfeld on June 30, 1962; she preceded John in passing. He worked for Bemis Jason for thirty years while in California. He would later marry Viola Sallee Rhodes in 2009. John worked as the Director of Central Service and Distribution at the Oklahoma Forensic Center in Vinita for eighteen years. He and Vi were members of Hudson Creek Baptist Church in Fairland.

John was preceded in passing by his parents, Carroll and Etholyne Rhodes, his first wife, Sandy Rhodes, his brother Don Rhodes, a daughter-in-law Shelbe Rhodes, son in son-in-law, Jay Baker.

Survivors include his wife of sixteen years Viola Rhodes of the home, his children, Richard Rhodes of Manteca, California, Steve Rhodes of Stockton, California and Andrea Baker of Ketchum, Oklahoma, his brothers Larry Rhodes of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Ron Rhodes and his wife Ginny of Quapaw, Oklahoma along with his grandchildren Donovan Rhodes of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Justin Durham of Stockton, California, Megan Baker of Ketchum, and Jaycie Baker also of Ketchum and a great grandchild Isaiah Rhodes.

Visitation will be 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at Hudson Creek Baptist Church in Fairland until service time at 2:00 PM also on Thursday, with Reverend Jerry Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Fairland Cemetery with the United States Navy's Funeral Honors Team providing funeral honors.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing John's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hudson Creek Baptist Church  
15401 S HWY 125  
Fairland, OK 74343

## Celebration of Life

AUG 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Rhodes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - August 26, 2025 at 12:56 PM

SC

*RIP Johnny. Rest in the arms of our Lord.*

**Sandra Canary** - August 26, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DW

*I am sorry for your loss, the Waldron's were neighbors for many years, I first met John when he was in the first grade, re-connected a few years ago at First Baptist. Gods Blessing for you and Family. Dorothy Waldron*

**Dorothy Waldron** - August 27, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MY

*We love you Johnny and you will certainly be missed. Love and Prayers, Phyllis and family.*

**Mrs Don Rhodes, wife of Johnny's younger** - August 28, 2025 at 02:20 PM

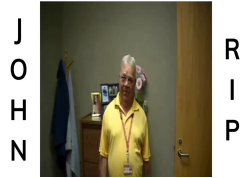
VK

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Rhodes from Vada Klingman*

**Vada Klingman** - August 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the album OFC - John



Matt Koesler - August 26, 2025 at 05:48 PM

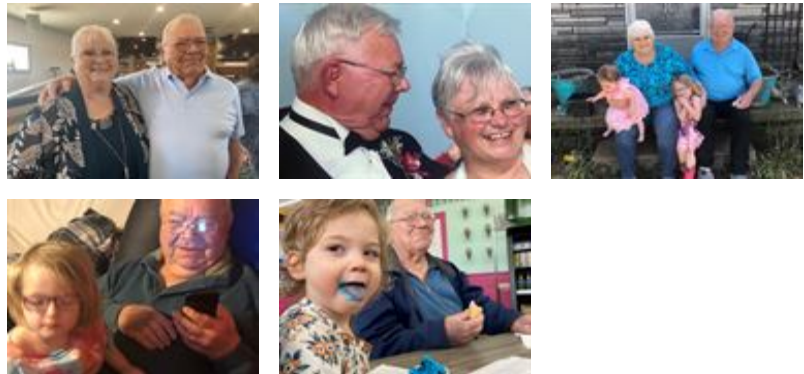
SS

“ Fair winds and following seas Johnny.

Stewart Spencer - August 26, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - August 26, 2025 at 12:49 PM

MF

“ *Marlene, Paul and Jessica Fitzpatrick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John E. Rhodes.*



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**Marlene, Paul and Jessica Fitzpatrick** - August 26, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LG

“ *Johnny was a good man and your day was always a little better when you saw him.*

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**larrt glenn** - August 25, 2025 at 10:01 PM

SC

“ *John Rhodes was a very sweet man I worked with him for 16 yrs at the Oklahoma forensic Center and he was a good boss and even better friend RIP my good friend fly high*

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**Sandy Carver** - August 25, 2025 at 04:35 PM