



Mr. John Wayne Ritter

October 29, 1937 - July 16, 2024

Funeral services for Mr. John Wayne Ritter, 86 of Carthage, will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. A time of visitation will be held on Friday evening, July 19, 2024, from 6:00-8:00.

Mr. John Wayne Ritter was born on October 29, 1937, in Loop, Texas to Henry Ritter and Gladys Hayes Ritter. He passed from this life on July 16, 2024, in Longview.

John Wayne married Mrs. Linda Wall Ritter on February 25, 1961, and celebrated almost 62 wonderful years together before she preceded him in death in November 2022. John Wayne enjoyed spending time with his family. He enjoyed playing with his great grandchildren, enjoyed riding on the pontoon boat on the lake and he had a passion for gardening. He loved to tell stories of when he worked on the pipelines and he loved to take trips with his friends and family.

John Wayne is survived by his children, son, Michael Ritter and wife Phyllis of Gary; daughter, Cindy Kellebrew and husband Billy of Kilgore; brother, RH Ritter and wife Jolee of Boerne; sister, Glenda Edge of Carthage; grandchildren, Matt Ritter and wife Cayla, Chelsea Murphy and husband Matt, Erica Null and husband Travis and Emily Boggus and husband Justin; great grandchildren, Amelia and Bristol Boggus, Madison Null, Parker Ritter and Gatlin and Griffin Murphy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Linda Ritter and great granddaughter, Gentry Murphy.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Wayne Ritter



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 03:24 PM

HW

I am Harold Wells, a long time Friend of Wayne Ritter from the pipeline Construction industry. My Condolences and deepest Sympathy go to his Family and Friends. I know he is in Heaven with his Beautiful wife!!! With Love, Harold Gene Wells.

Harold Gene Wells - July 19, 2024 at 06:53 PM

MA

“ Mike A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.

Mike A. - July 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM

VI

“ Sincere condolences and God's comfort to each of you n the days ahead.
Love, Debbie Jo Edge Sheffield



Vicki - July 20, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ 15 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM

LB

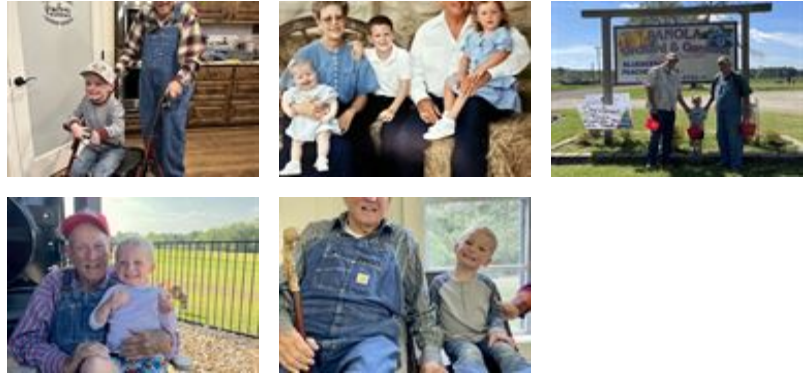
“ Lewis & Christine Moss, Pat Burton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.



Lewis & Christine Moss, Pat Burton - July 19, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 18, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ shane & Cricket Hanson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.



shane & Cricket Hanson - July 18, 2024 at 12:17 PM

SH

“ shane & Cricket Hanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.

shane & Cricket Hanson - July 18, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.



July 18, 2024 at 10:35 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Wayne Ritter



Elaine Davis - July 18, 2024 at 10:34 AM

YF

“ Your Lake Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.



Your Lake Family - July 18, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *Your Lake Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Wayne Ritter.*

Your Lake Family - July 18, 2024 at 09:32 AM