



Mr. John T. Francis

January 10, 1932 - May 11, 2020

Statesboro, GA

Mr. John T. Francis, also known as “Big John, Tex” age 88, died on Monday May 11, 2020 at his residence under the care of Regency Southerncare Hospice. The Direct, TX native spent his childhood in Atoka, Ok, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 17. He completed two tours in Vietnam and was stationed in Germany and Japan before being assigned to the Statesboro post. He retired in 1969 after 20 years of service as a staff sergeant. Mr. Francis then taught electrical and mechanical courses for 10 years at Bradwell Institute and Washington County High School. He then owned and operated a heating and air conditioning business in Statesboro for many years. Mr. Francis was also the Chief of Police for Brooklet from 1971-1973. He was a member of the Grace Community Church, the Air Force Sergeant’s Association and along with his wife Cora volunteered for many years with the soup kitchen on East Main Street. Mr. Francis was a member of the Statesboro Bowling League for many years and a lifelong member of the NRA. He was always known as the man in the cowboy hat and boots and when asked how he was doing he would always say “I’m so good you ever saw”. He was preceded in death by two daughters Patricia Nunn and Christina Ann Neal and a son Rodney D. Francis. .

Surviving are his wife of 59 years Cora L. Francis; three sons and daughters-in-law John A. and Debra Francis of Statesboro, Thomas M. and Carol Francis of Auburn, GA and Charles R. (Chuck) and Becky Francis of Statesboro; two daughters and a son-in-law Brenda C. and John Shumate of Statesboro and Janet L. Francis of Dawsonville, GA; 20 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren; a sister Mariece Cook of Nevada; several nieces and nephews also survive.

A visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home. All social distancing guidelines will be observed.

A graveside funeral service and burial will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Bulloch Memorial Gardens with Pastor Mike Holt officiating.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Carnes, Johnny Sparks, Tommy Francis, Cody Francis, Kyle Francis Nate Rice and Emilio Quintero.

Honorary pallbearers will be David Gerrald, Shane Harkins, Ronnie Sparks Jr. and Brett

Harkins.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Air Force Sergeant's Association, Scholarship Program, 5211 Auth Rd. Sutland, MD 20746, or charity of donor's choice.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangement

Cemetery

Events

Bulloch Memorial Gardens 22002 Highway 80 East Statesboro, GA, 30459	MAY 15	Visitation	05:00PM - 07:00PM
		Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro 502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US, 30458	
	MAY 16	Graveside Service	11:00AM
		Bulloch Memorial Gardens 22002 Highway 80 East, Statesboro, GA, US, 30459	

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - May 15 at 11:14 AM



“ We Pray for the Francis family at this difficult time, and they can take comfort in knowing that John's love and memories will last into eternity. Sincerely, Lorraine and Drew Rice.

Lorraine ,Drew Rice - May 15 at 04:11 PM



“ 129 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - May 15 at 10:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 14 at 07:17 PM



“ I'll never forget the time he stopped mama in Brooklet one Sunday after church for not stopping at a stop sign . When he asked if she knew what she did mama said " yes ... Just took 2 children home from church ." After looking at her license he asked if she knew a Ronnie McCullough . He met my Uncle Ronnie over seas.

MaryAnne Culp - May 14 at 10:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 13 at 07:19 PM



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May 13 at 06:11 PM



“ Bro John was a very loving and kind man, it didn't matter where you seen him he was always the same and was as good as you ever saw. He Will be greatly miss. God Bless you Sis Cora you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have been where you are and always know God has you in his hands

Cheryl Harville - May 13 at 03:48 PM



“ Our family walked the journey of faith with John and his family for most of the 1980s while we were ministering to a church in Statesboro, GA. John was young at heart. He enthusiastically floated the Ogeechee, hiked the Appalachian Trail and escorted our church youth to church related national conventions. It was our privilege to minister to John and his family through some of their darkest and brightest hours. John always made us feel like members of his family. He opened his heart and his home. We enjoyed many visits around his table. Our journey together was a spiritual oasis. It was a time of refreshment, but eventually when it was time to move on our paths would take us different ways. We carry with us heartwarming recollections of those days with John and his family. Joe and Susan Shryock Willow Springs, Missouri

Joe and Susan Shryock - May 13 at 03:42 PM



“ Mr. John Francis was a wonderful man that will be missed dearly. He left a memorable print on so many lives.. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. All our Love, William & Darlene Main



Darlene - May 13 at 03:18 PM



“ TobieAnn Reynolds sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John T. Francis



TobieAnn Reynolds - May 13 at 07:36 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Check and Miss Cora.



Sandy - May 13 at 03:21 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Mr. John. He was such a sweet and funny man. I will be thinking of all his family, and prayers for God to give you all the strength during this difficult time. God Bless.

Renee Pope Matyok - May 13 at 12:17 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 09:45 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 09:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 09:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 07:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.





May 12 at 06:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 06:32 PM



“ My favorite memory of Mr. John was the smile that was always on his face, no matter what. He always replied, “I’m so good you ever saw!” we asked how he was doing, and I love that line so much. As Chuck said, now he truly is so good as we ever saw — better in fact. We cherish all of our memories of the Francis family, and Mr. John will be dearly missed.



The Thompson Family - May 12 at 05:15 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Francis.



May 12 at 05:01 PM

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“ Sister Cora, We treasure the time we were blessed to work at the soup kitchen with Bro. John and you. We are so sorry for your loss. God bless and guide you! Edna and Daniel Strickland

Edna Strickland - May 12 at 03:55 PM



“ My most sincere condolences and prayers for the entire family. Many years ago (30) I had the privilege to know this family. The words ring true, "I'm so good you ever saw". I do not recall a time that those words weren't spoken when we talked. God bless this family.
Ginger Henry

Ginger Henry - May 12 at 05:35 PM