



John "Johnny" C. Tonn Jr.

April 14, 1961 - June 28, 2015

Funeral services for John "Johnny" Tonn Jr., 54 of Giddings, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Father James Olnhansen & Rev. Tim Edwards officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Tonn family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

John Charles Tonn Jr. was born on April 14, 1961 in Giddings, Texas to John & Dolores (Pantel) Tonn and welcomed home by his big sister, Julie. He was baptized on April 30, 1961 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings by Father Alvin Trublowski. He made his First Communion at St. Margaret's on May 2, 1971 and was Confirmed in his faith by Bishop Harris on April 6, 1975. Johnny graduated from Giddings High School in 1980 and had been employed with Cargill Nutrena in Giddings. Johnny always loved babies and little ones starting with the birth of his younger brother, Alfred, when Johnny was three years old. Although Johnny was born deaf, you never had a problem understanding exactly how he felt about anything and everything. He always had a smile for you and always had a helping hand for everyone. His sense of humor was known by all.

Johnny fought a long and hard battle with cancer and died peacefully in his sleep at his parents' home in Giddings the evening of Sunday, June 28, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred & Carrie Tonn and Lawrence & Julia Pantel.

Johnny is survived by his parents, John & Dolores Tonn of Giddings; his sister, Julie Tonn of Giddings; his brother, Alfred Tonn of Giddings; his four nieces, Krystal Walther of Ledbetter, Kristina Creek & her husband, Daniel Garcia of Giddings, Katie Creek of Giddings and Tiffany Tonn of Austin and his two nephews, Taylor Creek & his wife, Jennifer of Loebau and Lars Tonn of Dime Box. He is also survived by his great nieces and nephews, DeLaney & Skylar Walther of Ledbetter, Cutter & Cannon Creek of Loebau, Jaci & Mia Garcia of Giddings, Ryker Dolores Creek of Giddings and Isaac Ramires of Austin as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Taylor Creek, Lars Tonn, Chester Jatzlau, Gary Shaver, Steve Pohorelsky and Jason King.

In lieu of flowers, the Tonn family recommends making memorial contributions to St. Margaret's Catholic Church Building Fund, 526 South Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942, First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 759, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 North Jefferson Street, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Visitation

JUL 2. 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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Church Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
526 S. Grimes
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Johnny" C. Tonn Jr.*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 30, 2015 at 06:01 PM

RH

Very sweet. I got the privilege of meeting Johnny through my boyfriend, Scott Bidwell, who worked with him at Nutrena. He was such a gentleman, but a rascal too! So blessed that I got to know him for the short time that I did. He was one in a million and I will miss him so much. Loved his sarcastic remarks! He was always one step ahead of the guys and they deserved it! Rest In Peace Johnny! You're in a better place than us! You will be greatly missed!!!! Luv ya, Rita

Rita Hrynyk - June 30, 2015 at 09:00 PM

JN

Sincerest sympathy to John & Delores and all the family. I have known Johnny all his life and can never remember seeing him without a smile on his face. I had the privilege of getting to know him as a dear friend of my son-in-law, Gary Shaver. In the past years, wherever and whenever Johnny saw me he would always give me a big hug. He will be missed.

Jo Ann Sell Nelson

Jo Ann Sell Nelson - July 01, 2015 at 09:18 AM

JJ

My deepest sympathies to the Tonn family. May God comfort you all and give you strength in the days and weeks ahead. Johnny will be dearly missed and his smile never forgotten.

Joyce Jenke - July 01, 2015 at 01:54 PM

AW

Haven't seen Johnny since high school but his loving spirit and joy have stayed with me all these years. So sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed.

aggie wukasch - July 01, 2015 at 07:33 PM

CM

*Our deepest sympathy to the Tonn family . I had the privilege to know Johnny and thought he was the kindest and sweetest person I've ever known .
Prayers are with all .*

Carol Keng Mcglaun

Carol Keng Mcglaun - July 01, 2015 at 11:27 PM

BJ

our deepest sympathy to the Tonn Family. I know johnny Tonn since he was teenager and he always visited with me and chester jatzlau for many years.until i found out that he had cancer in few months ago. last october 2014 i met him again and he told me . oh sorry to hear. i know he had been fighting with his illness. He loved to tease on me and crazy talking.. I had enjoyed to talk with him..Johnny will be dearly missed and his smile never forgotten. no more pain or fighting.

Barbara jatzlau-ainsworth

barbara jatzlau-ainsworth - July 02, 2015 at 08:03 PM

BW

“ Prayers for the Tonn family! We remember this young man with a happy smile and conversation each time you met him. Even with his illness he always had a pleasant word to share. We share our sincere love and understanding with you . Sincerely from Bill Washington and family!

Bill & Thelma Washington - August 09, 2015 at 08:10 PM

DP

“ *Dodie Pantel lit a candle in memory of John "Johnny" C. Tonn Jr.*



Dodie Pantel - July 02, 2015 at 11:17 PM

DP

Johnny will forever be remembered as my smiling, funny and one of a kind cousin. Sending out my deepest condolences to my Uncle John and Aunt Dolores and family.

Dodie Pantel - July 02, 2015 at 11:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 02, 2015 at 08:38 AM

RH

Another great picture! So Sorry we couldn't make the service. We will send contributions in Johnny 's name tomorrow. So sorry for your loss. Johnny was so cool! From Rita Hrynyk and Scott Bidwell

Rita Hrynyk - July 02, 2015 at 05:40 PM

SL

“ You won't need a candle to light your way, but here is one just to say will miss you on your journey home.



sandra lawson - July 01, 2015 at 05:28 PM

SL

“ My heart-felt prayers to the Ton family. I first met Johnny when I opened The Frank N Steins restaurant, he would come in almost daily. He was so sweet and polite. I saw him several times in the past several years and he always had a smile and hug for me. He will be truly missed. Sincerely. Sandra Lawson

sandra lawson - July 01, 2015 at 05:19 PM

LN

“ Johnny ~ A thread woven into the fabric of our lives. Always upbeat till the last couple of times our paths crossed. Then it was to indicate, he was tired of the medications, just wanted to let go and let God .[my words] We encouraged, not quitting the race, for not knowing what's around the bend. We learned he underwent at least another round of meds.

Johnny, one tough cookie ~ A son to make his mom and dad proud ~ his little mamma, Julie, proud as well. Don't think they could have asked for better.

Kids aren't supposed to beat their parents to the Pearly Gates. Sad when it happens. John and Dolores join the ranks of those who've lost their kids ~ not alone, are they. Thanking the Lord that John and Dolores are well entrenched in a solid relationship with John Jr's Lord and Master. John Jr was blessed to have no doubt in his mind that he was loved by his family. [Thinking of those kids who pass, without that assurance.]

*Johnny, a thread in the fabric of our lives. One of the stronger threads, though a tad shorter than many ~ helping us to be who we are today. Need to thank him for that, when next we see him. Johnny, if you can read this, say hi! to The Big Guy for us ~
Love,
Linda and Gene Newcomb*

Linda Newcomb - July 01, 2015 at 04:08 PM

LB

“ Johnny was a sweetheart of a guy. We were in High School together. He took Auto Mechanics and I took Cosmetology and we rode that bus from Giddings to LaGrange for 2 years. Johnny loved playing cards and we had many, many fun times on that bus. He will always be a special friend and I will miss his smile and his warm heart.

Lori Bradley

Lori Bradley - July 01, 2015 at 10:07 AM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tonn family during this difficult time! May God wrap you in his loving arms where you can find peace. He was a sweetheart and we will miss his great smile!
Angie and Al Wiederhold

Angie and Al Wiederhold - July 01, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 30, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John "Johnny" C. Tonn Jr..*



June 30, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ *I don't think I ever saw Johnny without a smile on his face. His light will forever shine in our hearts even though he is now with God in heaven.*

*My prayers and deepest sympathy are with all the Tonn family.
Love Aunt Ginny*

Virginia Hilton - June 30, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Johnny. We will miss his smile and friendship. God's blessings to you all.*
Jerry & Karen Faske

Karen Faske - June 30, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ *Johnny was a sweet and loving guy. I pray peace and comfort for his loved ones. I know he is greatly missed.*
Janis Cowan Hannes

Janis Hannes - June 29, 2015 at 10:54 PM

LK

“*"To live in hearts we leave behind Is not to die."*

~Thomas Campbell, "Hallowed Ground"

*It will be the little things
that you will remember,
the quiet moments,
the smiles, the laughter.
And although it may seem
hard right now,
it will be the memories
of these little things
that help to push
away the pain
and bring the smiles
back again.*

Prayers and condolences to the Tonn family..

Love, Aunt Lucy



Lucy Kowis - June 29, 2015 at 09:21 PM

HC

“ Johnny,

*You have a ticket to heaven that no one can
take,
An eternal home no divorce can break.*

*Every sin of your life has been cast to the sea.
Every mistake you've made is nailed to the tree.*

*You're blood bought and heaven made,
A child of God -- forever saved.*

*So be grateful, joyful, -for isn't it true?
What you don't have is much less than what you do.
By Max Lucado " A Love Worth Giving"*

Our prayers and thoughts are with all of the Tonn family.

Love, Aunt Helen and Uncle Glenn

Helen Currier - June 29, 2015 at 08:58 PM



LA

“ Sorry for your loss. May God send you His comfort . Lavonne
Morrow

Lavonne - June 29, 2015 at 02:37 PM

NL

*Sorry for the loss of Johnny. I just remember him being so kind and
happy all the time. He always had such a happy smile!! This boy will be
missed. Nancy Lambert*

Nancy Lambert - June 30, 2015 at 01:27 PM

SJ

“ *May God bless the entire Tonn family during this time of loss and grief. Johnny and I were classmates and I fondly remember the times that we spent in school. Later in our lives we worked for the same company and Johnny still could make me laugh with his frankness and sense of humor. Our Father in Heaven gives us eternal joy without pain or strife. May God shine upon Johnny with his perpetual light.*

steve Janda - June 29, 2015 at 12:55 PM

PF

“ *We will miss him very much.
The Paul Mitschke family*



paul mitschke family - June 29, 2015 at 12:30 PM

CN

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless and be with you during this difficult time. You have our love and our deepest sympathy.*

Terry and Cindy Namken and family



Cindy Namken - June 29, 2015 at 11:48 AM