



## John Albert Austin

November 5, 1973 - July 18, 2020

John was born November 5, 1973 to proud parents Lonnie and Sharon Austin. He came into this world in a hurry barely half an hour after his mother arrived at the hospital. He was named after his father and two grandfathers, John Berger and Albert Austin. He was a chubby happy bundle of joy. His sister, Sherry, “adopted” her new brother and quickly tried to “talk” for him, expressing first one thing and another until she satisfied his “squeals” of protest. It took John a year before he actually found a need to talk himself. But once he did, he became the proverbial “Man of few words.” As a boy he loved to ride his bicycle and be outdoors. That love for nature never left him, only grew stronger. John was a thinker. His early “Christian” teaching by his loving mother set him on a right path that guided his character for all his life. He grew straight and tall into a good and kind man. Never one for frills, he was a frugal man who lived simply. A man, who honored his elders, showed respect for his teachers, was well liked by his peers and always gave the benefit of doubt to the downtrodden. John took pride in his appearance. He worked out daily and chose foods that helped to build and sustain his body.

John took a job at Oklahoma County in 1995, starting at the bottom as a “helper.” A family friend, John Moles, guided his on the job training. Over the years John learned the skills of an electrician and how to handle asbestos. Those skills earned him successive promotions at work. He became the Communications Supervisor for the past few years of his career. His electrical skills were really appreciated when he completely wired his Dad’s new shop building back in 2000. Just watching him install wires, boxes, switches and lighting so methodically and smoothly was a joy to see. John took his work seriously. He was never heard to speak harshly of others. He was well liked by his co-workers.

John was a loving son. He spent many a hour having lunch on Saturday mornings with his Dad where the lazy unfiltered conversations drifted from traveling to faraway places, to the latest “hot” cars and pickups, sail boats and camping , to the contemplating the deeper meaning of life and the mysteries of the universe. But above all John was a practical man, careful with his money and even more so his affections.

John had just recently met Stacy Kolb with whom he quickly formed a true and deep affection...love. He expressed his feelings for Stacy to his Dad and sister, something he had not done before. He was looking forward to so much, but life doesn't ever go as we expect. He enjoyed so many gifts of life, except for length of days. John passed away July 18, 2020. He will be eternally missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery

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## **Arlington Memory Gardens**

3400 N. Midwest Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK, 73141

# Events

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**JUL**

**22**

**Visitation**

10:00AM - 08:00PM

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Ford Funeral Service

305 S. Sooner Rd., Midwest City, OK, US, 73110

# Comments

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“ My prayers are with you all. John was a fine employee at the County and he will be missed. -County Commissioner Kevin Calvey

**Kevin Calvey** - July 23, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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“ This was such a shock to us all as we know it was to you as well. Just know John was loved by us all and it won't be long until we will see him & Sharon & all loved ones who we miss dearly. The deep pain of loss is at times so difficult to bear but always know you're so much in our thought and prayers even tho we're miles apart and love you all so much. John was a gentle, easy going friend. He will be missed so much.

Michael Skubiak  
Cody & Deana Bryant

**Deana Bryant** - July 23, 2020 at 12:25 AM

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“ John was a great guy. He worked with us early 1990's very shy but assertive when he needed to be. Everything was fine till he had enough then he would let you know. You had to talk about his black truck first then get him talking about other stuff. He was a car man. Lynn

**lynn morgan** - July 22, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ Words are never enough in situations like this. Johns' passing was so sudden, I am left in shock, shaking my head, marveling at the brevity of days and the unknowns that befall all of us.

I knew John from work, and my interactions with him were always positive and he was always friendly. He will definitely be missed around here.

Hopefully, we all gain a deeper realization of the need to make the most of every day and live like it's our last, because it may well be.

May the Lord bless John's family and friends and help them get through this time with understanding and peace.

**Ariane Hyatt** - July 22, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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“ I am shocked. He was such a nice man. So very sorry for the family's loss. Prayers for comfort and peace.

**Terri Streeter** - July 22, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



**Sherry** - July 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ John worked with at sparkle & shine for a bit. We look forward to seeing him in the resurrection. Our thoughts and prayers to Jehovah are with you. Lynn Morgan

**lynn morgan** - July 22, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Sherry thank you for sharing all these pictures. Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Love y'all Penny

**Penny Maloy** - July 22, 2020 at 09:10 PM