



Mr. John Hugo Cullen

June 1, 1940 - December 29, 2020

John Hugo Cullen passed away December 29, 2020 in Madison, TN. John was born on June 1, 1940 at Roswell, New Mexico the son of Roy Wood Cullen and Johnnie (Hash) Cullen.

John attended one year of college at Vanderbilt University and graduated from Tennessee Tech. Upon graduation he entered the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, primarily stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Base in Denver, CO. John married LaVita Sharon Bailey in 1963 in Denver, CO. They became parents to two children-- Juanita Louise Cullen and Mendel Scott Cullen. The marriage later ended in divorce.

In 1974, John married Patricia Adkison in Springfield, TN. She predeceased him in death in 2012.

After his military service, John worked as a microbiologist at the University of Illinois and then was an assistant science teacher at Tennessee Tech. He spent most of his career in various teaching fields.

John was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and he loved the Lord and his church affiliation and the friends he made through the many church activities and was quite active in the Family History Center. He also worked with food quality control for the church.

After his retirement, John was asked to pose as Santa Clause for many young children during the Christmas Holidays. The children loved him, and he loved playing Santa.

John was predeceased by his parents Roy Wood Cullen and Johnnie Hash

Cullen, his wife Patricia and his only sibling, Richard Wiley Cullen. He is survived by his former wife, Sharon Cullen and their two children Juanita Cullen and Mendel Cullen both of Aurora, Colorado; niece Bonnie (Cullen) Gillan; several cousins and numerous friends, including special friends Woody & Shirley Arnell.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I didn't know my dad very well but I still loved him. I don't like the way the adult foster care system treated him. I hope he is resting in peace!

Juanita Cullen - February 23 at 07:43 PM

PC

“ I met John nearly four years ago. He was a kind and gentle man, who never complained despite his many physical ailments and other trials he had suffered in this life. As a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since his conversion many years ago, John was faithful in living the teachings of Jesus Christ. He was eagerly working on Family History work to the end of his days.

On occasion, after bringing John, Tommy and Norm back from church, I would play songs they requested over a portable speaker, blue-toothed to my smart phone. One of John's favorites, "The Blind Man in the Bleachers", written by a friend of his, never failed to bring tears to his failing eyes. As with the blind man of the song, John's trials in this life are over and he is in the loving care of family, many friends, and our Heavenly Father.

Phil Cherry

Phil Cherry - January 26, 2021 at 09:00 PM

BH

“ John was a treasured member of our family and will be greatly missed. His Father and my Mother were brother and sister. That made us 1st cousins. Although we were separated by the miles and the Covid Virus; we greatly appreciated being able to keep in touch with him through his caregiver Christie Watters and Donna Smith the Manager of his group home in Murfreesboro during his later years. Christie graciously assisted him with our phone calls back and forth as well tending to her many duties taking care of his physical needs. We also greatly appreciated Woody and Shirley Arnell who advocated for John and kept him connected with his Church. He often told me he felt that they treated him like family and had included him with their family when he was able.

We had a wonderful cousin reunion in Bowling Green, Kentucky several years ago that included about 6 of the 1st cousins and their spouses. John and Pat gave us a lot of history of the area and suggested places for us to go and accompanied us.

We took my Mother on Genealogy trips to Tennessee and John was very helpful in directing and accompanying us on our travels. My Mother was able to see her Grandfathers grave which had been found and documented. It was important to her and to us.

We will especially miss his knowledge and connection to the genealogy that he so loved doing!

Betty & Russell Huglin - January 17, 2021 at 04:01 PM

WA

“ John became a real good friend of mine when I started helping him and a few of his house mates to church. My wife and I did this for a couple of years. We also would help with his family history by taking him to the local family history center at our church. I helped him input lots of names by being his hands and eyes. He had very poor eye site due to Diabetes. We became close pals just by my service to him. He had a very bright mind. He could remember his ancestor's names better than I. He reminded me every week on which people we were working on. It was especially hard during the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, he would call me everyday so I could help him with his genealogy. I miss that great man, he was dedicated to his faith and family. He will be sorely missed.
Woody Arnell, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Woody Arnell - January 13, 2021 at 12:33 PM

TT

“ This memory is from Thomas Thompson. John is a friend that I will never forget. I cherish the time we had together reading scriptures and other novels. I will never forget that you brought me into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Days Saints. It is very precious to me. I have the . I am sure there are holes in the floor of heaven where you can see what is going on here on earth. You and I talked about getting the Canterbury Tales and as I read these, John, I will think you reading with me. You remember I talked about sitting at the foot of Jesus and listening to the Savior talk. I am 82 now and it won't be long before I join you. I look forward to the reunion.

Tommy Thomspson - January 07, 2021 at 04:12 PM



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