



John William Mathes

August 5, 1950 - May 22, 2026

Funeral services for John Mathes will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2026, at the Church of God in Alva with Pastor Miles Harris officiating. Burial will be in the afternoon at the Galena Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

John William, son of Charles William and Beulah Frances (Rhodes) Mathes, was born August 5, 1950, at Alva and went to his heavenly home May 22, 2026, at Oklahoma City at the age of 75 years, 9 months, and 17 days.

John was third of 4 children. He grew up and graduated high school in Alva, with the class of 1969. He worked for seismic data processing and was a teacher as well. He later moved to Shawnee for work and it is there that he met Grace. They were married June 29, 2002, in Shawnee and later moved back to John's hometown of Alva. There they started the Honey Wheat Bed & Breakfast where they catered events and greeted guests with a heartfelt welcome into a cozy home and homemade breakfast. He and Grace spent many summers cooking at the Falls Creek Camp. They later moved to their home at Greensberg Corner where they welcomed their son Thomas Mathes. They opened the old Miller Cafe as the Honey Wheat Cafe & Catering in 2011 in Waynoka where they continued to welcome everyone with a smile and a homecooked meal.

He was a great husband, father, son, grandfather, and uncle who loved deeply and will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched with his warm heart.

He was preceded in death by his wife Grace of nearly 20 years; parents Charles and Beulah; one brother, Marion Mathes; and two sisters, Louise Ann and Judy Marie.

John is survived by a son, Thomas Mathes of Carmen, daughter, Mandy Clayton and husband, Oran, of Waynoka; granddaughter, Abbigail Clayton of Waynoka; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Woods County Senior Citizen's Center or a college fund that is being set up for Thomas' college education.

Cemetery Details

Galena Cemetery

South of Aline Blacktop off CR 420
Galena, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alva Church of God
517 9th Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



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“ John was always playing a prank on me when we worked together at VAP. Never a dull moment when he was around. He made the days seem shorter. When he laughed he belly jiggled like Santa Clause. It's time to make the cinnamon roll John. See you soon.



Lisa Lopshire - May 27 at 07:25 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Both of your parents were so warm and friendly. My husband and I loved staying at the Honey Wheat B&B in Alva. They made us feel so welcome.



Natalie Gifford - May 26 at 01:40 AM



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