



## John N. Cardinal

January 14, 1926 - September 6, 2013

John N. Cardinal, 87, of Lubbock passed away on Friday, September 6, 2013. He was born to Theodule and Katie Jones Cardinal on January 14, 1926. Johnny graduated from Floydada High School in 1943 and joined the United States Navy. During World War II he was deployed to the South Pacific as a signalman and was part of the first task force to land in Japan. Following his discharge from the Navy, Johnny earned a football scholarship from West Texas State College and graduated with a Bachelor and a Master's Degree in Education. He was a high school coach at Sudan, Springlake-Earth and Canadian; and finished his career in education as principal at Canadian High School. Following his passion for sports, he joined Buck's Sporting Goods in Amarillo. In 1969 he moved to Lubbock and bought a sporting goods store which is now Cardinals' Sports Center. Johnny was an ardent supporter of area sports teams from youth leagues to colleges and was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004. He was devoted to his family and friends and took great pride in the success of Cardinal's. Johnny was proud to be a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for 44 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Kathleen Grady Cardinal and siblings Fred, Irene, Louis, Jean and Eugene. He is survived by his wife, Betty Trowbridge Cardinal, daughters Kathy Ward and husband Gene of Plano, Cindy Barnett and husband Richard of Lubbock and son Tony and wife Beth of Lubbock. In addition he leaves 8 grandchildren and 12 great-

grandchildren.

Family will greet friends on Sunday, September 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main St., Lubbock. Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3708 45th St., Lubbock. Burial will follow at Floyd County Cemetery in Floydada at 2:00 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Lubbock Ex-Coaches Association at any Plains Capital Bank Lubbock location. This organization provides opportunities to deserving athletes.

# Cemetery Details

## Floydada Cemetery

Floydada, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
3708 45th ST  
lubbock, TX 79413  
<http://stlukeslubbock.org>

## Graveside Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Floydada Cemetery  
Floydada, TX



# Tribute Wall

LF

“ To Betty, Tony, Kathy and Cindy and the kids and great grand-kids. How fortunate you were to have Husband and Dad and Grandfather like Johnny. My Dad, R.T. Furrow went to grade school with Johnny and my Mom, Sammye, and your Mom Kathleen and Betty were best friends as long as I can remember. I know that he is upstairs with R.T.and your Mom, just raising all kind of trouble.He is will be forever missed, but never forgotten. Johnny thanks for being a second Dad to Cindi and I. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of the family. May he rest in peace.

*I want to tell you all how much Larry and I were blessed with at least seeing Johnny and Betty this past Memorial Day weekend when we were visiting Sammye and took her with us to see them. He'll be deeply missed but we all know he is up there with the Lord being the most kind ones of the flock. We love you and yours so very much and so happy to have been a part of his life for many many years!*

*Love you bunches, Larry and Cindi Furrow*

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**Larry and Cindi Furrow** - September 10, 2013 at 05:06 PM

BF

“ Bless his heart!!!... He is with ALL his family and they are getting in trouble right now !!! I loved him dearly and i know he is proud of me!!! Love you, Uncle Johnny... To the moon and back to infinity!!xoxoxox

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**beverly field** - September 08, 2013 at 07:18 PM

CS

“ *Chuck Saul purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John N. Cardinal.*



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**Chuck Saul** - September 07, 2013 at 07:43 PM

GW

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Gene Ward** - September 07, 2013 at 07:10 PM

DR

“ *My name is Debbie ( Bookout) Robbins. I went to school with Kathy and we are sorority sisters. Just want to tell Kathy and the family how sorry I am to hear of his death. From what I have read Mr Cardinal sounds like a very special. My prayers are with you Kathy and all your families...Love Debbie*

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**Debbie Robbins** - September 07, 2013 at 06:57 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John N. Cardinal.*



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September 07, 2013 at 05:12 PM

RS

“ We have been friends with John and Betty for over ten years. We have traveled with them in our RVs all over the USA and have had many good times with them.  
We offer our condolences to Betty and his family and he will be greatly missed.  
Ray and Fran Spinner

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**Ray & Fran Spinner** - September 07, 2013 at 04:02 PM

DD

“ John was a special guy in our RV club, KLS West. He talked me into taking my turn as an officer several years ago. He was a great asset to our club. Our condolences to his family.

*Don & Wanda Davis*

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**Don Davis** - September 07, 2013 at 02:27 PM

AS

“ John was a loyal customer for 41 years and a great friend for over 50 years to both of us. We shared some wonderful times and several great camping trips during those years. Our condolences to Betty and your loving family.

*Wayne & Aileene Saegert  
Sterling City, Texas*

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**Aileene Saegert** - September 07, 2013 at 11:49 AM

JG

“ Dear Tony, Kathy and Cindy: It is times like this that make living so far away very hard. We wish we were there with you during this time. Of course you know our hearts and prayers are very near. For me, Joe, the memories of living next door to you and your mom and dad are still very much alive. We will keep it that way. Leslie loves to tell the story of being at the downtown Sports Center and seeing your dad. He told the sales person, "Give her whatever she wants in the store!" We know he meant it and for us that typifies who he is. We miss him and his kind. Continue to find strength in you faith even though he is out of your sight for now,

Love, Joe and Leslie

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**Joe Green** - September 07, 2013 at 11:47 AM

FS

“ JOHN LIVED ACROSS THE HALL FROM ME AT RAIDER RANCH . I SAW HIM EVERY DAY WHEN HE CAME TO A MEAL. WILL MISS HIM.  
LOVE,PRAYERS, AND SYMPATHY,  
FRANCES SOWDER

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**FRANCES SOWDER** - September 07, 2013 at 11:19 AM

JK

“ I worked for Mr. Cardinal for 22 years as a Team Salesman. I cannot say enough for what he did for me and my family during that time. I will always remember him and what all he did for me. I am totally sorry about his passing away .  
Jerry King

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**Jerry King** - September 07, 2013 at 11:01 AM

BG

“ I know John Cardinal was a wonderful man from the many stories and anecdotes shared with me by his daughter, Kathy. His children, grandchildren, and great are a testament to his goodness and fun loving nature. I know he will be missed dearly. Our hearts and prayers go out to his dear family. Bonnie and Paul Gallaway in Elizabeth, CO

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**Bonnie Gallaway** - September 06, 2013 at 11:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John N. Cardinal.



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September 06, 2013 at 06:49 PM