



Mr. Johnny Choate

August 15, 1936 - June 24, 2014

Johnny McCllan Choate, 77, of Ashdown died Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at his home. He peacefully entered the arms of his Savior Jesus Christ as his loved ones surrounded him.

Johnny was born in Joaquin, Texas on August 15, 1936. He was an Air Force veteran who served his country with pride. Serving in Wyoming, Japan and Hawaii, he completed his service at Biggs Air Force Base in El Paso, Texas in 1959. On November 24, 1960 he married the love of his life, Wynell Walraven and they celebrated 53-1/2 years together.

Johnny and Wynell raised their daughters while living in Mauriceville, TX as active members of the First Baptist Church there. He retired in December 1999 from the U.S. Postal Service with 38 years of service. He held various positions in the Postal Service in Orange, Mauriceville, Beaumont, Humble and Houston, TX. Johnny lived his entire life in Texas until June 2004 when he and Wynell moved to Ashdown Arkansas. He loved serving his Lord and was a member of the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class at First Baptist Church of Ashdown. An active member of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), LRCHS (Little River County Historical Society) and LRCGS (Little River County Genealogy Society), he also found time to travel which he loved. At the adventuresome age of 53 he strapped on a pair of snow skis for the first time. This love of skiing lasted for over 13 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marlon & Lera Choate as well as numerous aunts and uncles. Survivors include his wife Wynell and their three daughters Cheryl Ann (Steve) Moseley of Midlothian, TX; Pamela Kay (Joseph) Allen of Duncanville, TX; Sandra Lea (John) Curtis of Weir, TX; one brother Marlon 'Kelly' Choate and his wife Sue of Mocksville, NC; two sisters, Nita Mae (Bill) Burch of Orange, TX and Iona "Kitten" (David) Fuller of Orange, TX; five grandchildren Meghan (Jeromy) Rigdon of Midlothian, TX, Benjamin Curtis, Matthew Curtis and Emma Curtis of Weir, TX and Joseph 'Joe Joe' Allen of Duncanville, TX, one great-grandchild, Caden Rigdon of Midlothian, TX.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Madden Funeral Home. Interment will be in Ashdown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a charity of your choice, the Little River Memorial Hospice or the Ashdown Cemetery Association. Online registration is at maddenfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Johnny Choate*

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“ *Even though I wasn't able to spend much time with Uncle Johnny the last few years, I have such wonderful memories of him. I remember how much he loved his family, and I remember how much fun it always was to be around him. He will be missed greatly.*

Becky Reed Weindorff - Brunswick, GA - Niece - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family during this difficult time. Johnny was a very caring, loving father to Pam and was always very kind and sweet to me when I would visit the house. He had a great sense of humor, too, just like Pam.*

Lori Willis - Houston, TX - Friend of Pam Choate - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have so many great memories of Uncle Johnny. He was a kind, caring, generous man. He loved his Lord and family. He will be forever loved and missed.*

Connie Walraven Hampton - Temple, TX - neice - June 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Johnny. He was a man with such a sweet soul. we are thinking of you and pray for God to give you peace of heart and strength in the days ahead.*

Lawrence and Mary welch - Ashdown, AR - friend - June 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Johnnie was a great man up to the end he made sure everyone knew that he loved them. I will miss him but for a short time for we that love God will be united with him in Heaven.*

Billy Burch - Orange Texas - Brother in law - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Praying for you all in this time of loss.*

Donna McDaniel - Orange, TX - friend - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sincerest sympathy to all regarding poppa johnnys passing~ he will be so missed~ my heart is there with you~ wish I was able to be there in person~ love you and praying for peace and comfort.*

Sherri Hardesty - mauriceville, TX - close friend - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for the family loss but I know Johnny is happy. Johnny was always such a sweet humble man. I remember my brother, Buncy, telling me about him and Johnny meeting up in Japan on their furlows. Johnny in Air Force, brother in the Army. It was good they got to see each other so far away from home. Since Johnny and family moved from Orange, didn't get to see them often but always loved my family of cousins. Will miss Johnny and the ones gone own before him. We'll be seeing them soon and have a happy reunion but most of of being with our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus.
Wish I could be there with you all, my heart and prayers are with you.

Love you all,

Pat

Pat (Seago) Glisson - Orange, TX - cousin - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Johnny you were a great father inlaw to me . Thanks for the memories BLINK BLINK BLINK WILLIAMj

William Montana - Burleson, TX - ex son inlaw - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh my, I am so sorry for your loss....he will be greatly missed but, on the other hand, will be your special angel to keep watch over you.....prayers to you and your family.

Teri Hatfield-Lusty - Crowley, TX - Friend - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM