



John F Wickey

November 2, 1957 - June 9, 2017

Reverend JF Wickey III passed away Friday, June 9th 2017 at his home in Alva, Oklahoma after a short but severe illness. He was 59 years young. Preceding him in death was his Grandparents John M. Sims and Mildred Kincaid-Sims also of Alva and his grandparents Helene Lee and John F Wickey of St. Louis, Missouri. He is survived by his parents, John F. and Patricia Wickey, his sister Janet Wickey-Spence and her husband Luke, all of Webster Groves, MO and his fiancé and best friend Nikolay Il'yin.

JF graduated from Riverview Gardens High School in St. Louis, MO. He obtained a B.S. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Houston, a Masters in Theology from Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, MO and studied for a PHD in theology at Brite Divinity School-TCU in Fort Worth, TX. He also studied at Cambridge in the UK for a short time. JF had the privilege to study under the tutelage of the Rev. Dr. Peggy Way who became his mentor and dear friend while at Eden Seminary where they spent hours upon hours talking about "Joy" and clinical pastoral care.

JF was a brilliant and well-read man and was known to read at least 4-5 books a week, a trait he inherited from his father. As a boy and young man JF was an Eagle Scout and a founding member of Order of the Arrow. He took trips to Philmont Scout Ranch and a canoeing trip to Canada.

JF loved theatre and all forms of music. He loved Star Trek, Star Wars and all science fiction and fantasy and movies of all genres. A favorite pastime was attending the Renaissance Festival in Texas. JF was also a founding member

of the Enid LGBT coalition and President of the Alva Monday night Supper Club. He was also actively involved with the Woods County Democrats. Rev. JF leaves behind numerous family members, friends, fellow pastors, and an accepting and loving community in Alva where he accomplished his mission of caring for others. JF helped many people work through the grief of losing a loved one. He cared for the young as well as the elderly and was always concerned about others who felt or did not know they always had a place at the Lord's Table. JF loved all colors of the rainbow. He loved everything to the full measure of his heart. JF believed Jesus' message was clear, Love one Another, Feed the Hungry, and Clothe the Poor. JF especially believed in building the community by sitting down and sharing a meal. He loved to cook and as a small child watched every episode of the "Gallopig Gourmet" with Graham Kerr and "The French Chef" with Julia Child on TV. His impression of Julia was "spot on."

A Memorial Service for JF will be held in Alva on Wednesday June 14th, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 pm. A dinner will be served after. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Enid LBGt Coalition <http://enidlgbtcoalition.org/> to celebrate a broader acceptance and diversity of all individuals, for this is the way of the Lord. JF was truly loved and respected by a great many people al over the world.

The Wickey Family would especially like to thank JF's dear friend Dr. Aaron Place a professor at NWOSU who was with JF when he passed and his wife Erin Place. Also, dear friends Rev. Dr. Judy Pistole, Rev. Carolyn Murrow and the Stanley Almgren Family who provided years of friendship and family support. We are grateful for the love you shared with JF.

A second memorial service will be held in St. Louis, MO at a later date.

Ask yourself everyday, "How did I see God today?"

Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
628 Church Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of John F Wickey*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 13, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BF

“ *We became friends with J. F. at the First Presbyterian Church in Alva. We were often privileged to sit in front of him during worship services and hear his beautiful tenor voice. I remember in his sermons how he used to love the Hebrew word for breath "Ruhah". He was a good chef and prepared wonderful meals for our Wednesday night church suppers and for our morning breakfasts. He was a scholar and a gifted Sunday School teacher. We've shared many meals with him and are blessed to have been his friend. For all those who are grieving his passing, you are in our prayers.*

Betty Felts - June 24, 2017 at 03:50 PM

TL

“ *I remember JF (John as I knew him then) when he was attending The University of Missouri in Rolla Missouri. We both attended the same church . He was a dear friend and I had just chatted with him shortly before his death. He always had an understanding and listening ear . I will miss chatting with him online . JF was such a sweet kind man I know he will be missed by many. I am praying for his family and his friends .*

Tina Lovell-Fischer - June 15, 2017 at 11:52 AM

JH

“ I remember just how hard he tried and worked during football practice at Central Jr. High. Off the field, he was always reading a book. JF was a good student and a very nice person. Sorry for your loss ... God bless

John Hill - June 14, 2017 at 11:28 AM

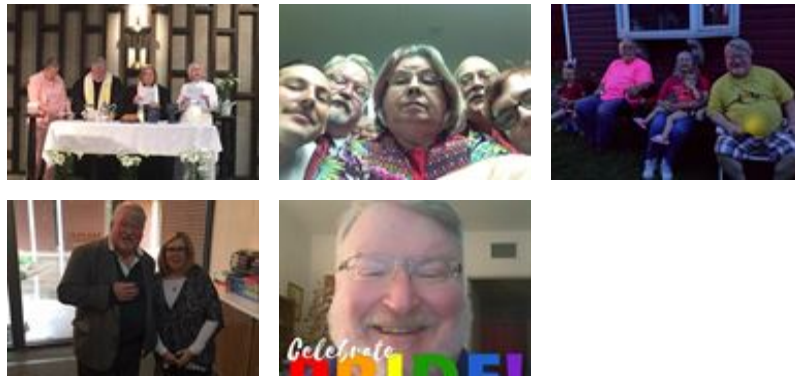


“ While I did not know him well apart from the Wednesday night suppers, JF's food preparation expressed the caring at the heart of his personality. Jane and I will miss his good spirit and gracious hospitality.

Theron Falstaff - June 13, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 13, 2017 at 06:04 PM

KM

“ To the Wickey Family , please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the passing of your dear J.F. Though our parents have passed (Fran and Cliff Lambert of Frieden's Chapel) and we have not seen J.F. or your family for many years, we are saddened by his passing. He had a unique spirit and memories of the church we grew up in and of course boy scouts seem to be the strongest. We know that he will be missed greatly and that your memories of him will always be as vibrant as he was.

Sincerely, Steve and Sherrie Lambert, John and Karen Lambert - McKinney

Karen McKinney - June 13, 2017 at 05:13 PM

HJ

“ Aunt Pat-Uncle John-Janet and Luke-I like so many others are saddened with the loss of JF 😞 I really am at a loss for words, I shared so many back and forths with JF on fb. It seemed he was always eating with someone and I asked him once, " JF do you ever cook" He laughed and said "no" We didn't agree on everything but we respected each other, I actually think JF liked to tease me(do you think) about different opinions we sometimes differed on. I could just go on and on but the more I think about this guy the more I know the world has lost a rock. I have read all the tributes ,wow what a legacy he has left. Please accept my sincere condolences ,he was quite a guy and it goes without saying he will be missed. 🌹
Laney

Helene Jundt - June 13, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Lydia Campbell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John F Wickey.



Lydia Campbell - June 13, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ J.F. was such a special person! He was a man of great faith, compassion, love and peace. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest in peace, dear friend. We love you and you will always be in our hearts!

Lydia Campbell - June 13, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ This is such a loss for all. We cherish knowing JF, an amazing man. Bless his families and friends knowing he is still singing.....

Jane Gaskill - June 12, 2017 at 07:20 PM