



# John Kidwell

December 4, 1942 - December 6, 2025

John Wesley Kidwell, Jr.

Fondly known as Jack or Jackie

John Wesley Kidwell, Jr. was born in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday, December 4, 1942 to parents, John Wesley, Kidwell Sr. and Elizabeth Agnes (Bednorz) Kidwell. He passed from this life on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He had just celebrated his 83rd birthday.

John grew up in Texas and graduated from L.D. Bell High School.

As a child he loved to play all sports and as an adult his love of sports continued. He played fast pitch softball up into his 40's. He was an avid University of Texas football fan. In his later years, he looked forward to his weekends during football season, watching as much as possible, both college and professional.

As a younger man and father, he loved to dance with his first wife, Sandy, and they were quite good. He loved to fish the strip pits in Broken Arrow and frequently took her and their three children. He also enjoyed riding dirt bikes during that time period. Some would have considered him a bit of a pool shark back then.

For a time, he was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Broken Arrow. He had many friends there.

John was a hard worker and provided well for his family. John was employed in the metal industry as a Foundry Salesman. He liked meeting people and

was very outgoing, which was an asset in his career. He occasionally took his older daughter, Jennifer, on foundry visits.

He later married Ericka and they had 3 beautiful girls. He enjoyed family time with them and their extended family living nearby.

In the later part of his life, he was a proud Grandpa, attending his grandchildren's events as often as possible. He loved to brag on them to anyone who listened!

After retiring, he married his sweetheart, Dot. They loved each other very much and had great fun together.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Sandy and his love, Dot.

Those left to remember him fondly include,  
Children, Jennifer McKinzie of Coweta, Oklahoma  
Jeff Kidwell, of Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Julie Kidwell of Austin, Texas  
Jillian Ihloff and Will of Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Shelby Taff and Bren of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
Stephanie Holdman and Kyle of Coweta, Oklahoma  
17 Grandchildren  
8 Great-Grandchildren  
Siblings, Bill Kidwell and Jeanne, Greg Kidwell, Loretta Pustejovsky, Steve Kidwell, Jim Kidwell and Alicia.