



## John Jennings Cooksey

January 13, 1963 - October 29, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Jennings Cooksey, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, aged 62, on October 29, 2025.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Anne, and his devoted sons, Benjamin and Daniel. He is also mourned by his adoptive and birth siblings.

Services will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ John was truly one-of-a-kind. He will be missed by the Hot Springs community forever. Sending my love to his family.

Cassidy Kendall - November 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM

WD

“ You'll be missed .



william D - November 10, 2025 at 06:43 AM

MA

“ John and Annie mentored me during a very hard period of life in which I had lost my mother, was estranged from my father, had given up my teaching job. My first child was a toddler and I had a second child on the way. I had no spouse, no income, no car, no childcare. All my little family had was the house I had been raised in. I felt so alone and stuck. John and Annie encouraged me. They helped me start hosting large themed dinner parties and got their friends to attend. Three of these parties funded my household for several months. In the process of working in these parties, I learned so much from watching them run their business and household and parent their children. Their kindness and willingness to take a chance on working with me, the time listening and bouncing ideas around with me, was an enormous gift. Thank you.

mckendra adams - November 06, 2025 at 06:38 AM

MA

“ John was a good soul he help anybody he could , fly strong John we'll miss ya

MAX - November 05, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BD

“ Bubba & Denise lit a candle in memory of John Cooksey



Bubba & Denise - November 03, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BD

“ We met John before we moved to Hot Springs through Hot Springs Broadcast Network. John was knowledgeable about all things Hot Springs - He became a good friend and anyone who knew John became better for it. You will be very missed dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Annie, Dan and Ben.

Bubba & Denise - November 03, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BE

“ John introduced me to Video through his Elite Video Empire. He was the driving force for my wife Rosanna and I to succeed in Wedding and Event Video from 1993 to 2006. We were at the top of our game because of his guidance, helpful ideas, (tons of them) and overall great friendship. It was a pleasure many years ago to visit him and your family in Hot Springs. He took me under his belt in more ways than I can speak about. John will be missed by many. May your family get through this very hard time. Brian and Rosanna Eso from MEMORIES B.R.E. Video Productions.

Brian Eso - November 03, 2025 at 11:50 AM

DT

“ *He always was doing something great for Hot Springs residents....keeping us informed of what was going on....RIP my friend.*

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**Donna J Taylor** - November 02, 2025 at 01:34 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Maruthur lit a candle in memory of John Cooksey*



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**Peggy Maruthur** - November 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM

PM

*John & Annie were very generous to the community. They called one day to let me know that they had turkeys and all the fixings just come by. When I walked in I was stunned. Annie was there with tons of food and John was slicing. Others began coming in as they served as though there home was “open to the entire neighborhood” and only they were doing all this. I also attended one of their ethnic lunches catered by McKendra such a loving gesture to help her in her time of need.  
John Cooksey you should REST IN PEACE for your job on Earth was well done.*

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**Peggy Maruthur** - November 09, 2025 at 12:02 PM

CM

*Annie my heart is broken John will be missed my daughter talk about how he taught her the names of all the presidents from George Washington to Donald Trump Londyn and i will always remember that it meant a lot to her I will keep you Dan and Ben in my prayer..*

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**CHARLES MORRIS** - November 12, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JO

“ *joshua lit a candle in memory of John Cooksey*



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**joshua** - November 02, 2025 at 01:44 AM



“ *I wish I was better with words, but Hot Springs and events will not be the same without you.*

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**J** - November 01, 2025 at 10:42 PM

DC

“ *What's happening downtown?... A snow storm! Can I drive to work?...A new cafe I has just opened! What's good to eat? .....A hilarious segment on Judge Judy! .....Want to talk about politics? Let's discuss and listen to each other in an open and non threatening way..... Proud parent and loving husband. Yep, this was John and more. We will surely miss his smiling face and his video camera! He was a rare gift to the community.*

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**Donna Casparian** - November 01, 2025 at 08:39 AM