



## John Allen Tallent

July 6, 2013

John Allen Tallent John Allen Tallent, aged 61, a resident of Huntsville Texas, died Sunday, June 30, at Memorial Hermann Hospital, Texas Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Della Rose Tallent, two children Kristine Tallent Seifert of Boston (husband Nick Seifert) and Ryan John Tallent of Huntsville. John leaves four grandchildren Addison, Alex, Lily, and Christian of Boston, his brother and business partner Ron Tallent of Huntsville and wife Diane, and his sister Mary Tallent Runnels, of Houston. He also leaves several nieces and nephews and his best friend Travis Simonton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Arleen Tallent and his brother Tommy. A native of Houston, John graduated from St. Pius X High School in 1969 and attended Sam Houston State University. He later moved to Huntsville and was a long-time resident there. He was the co-owner with his brother Ron of Tallent Sausage and Grocery in Riverside, TX. John was a charming man with a wonderful sense of humor. He loved his family, cooking, camping, Texas history, and meeting new people. He never really met a stranger. He was so friendly. John was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Cattlemen's Association and was an ardent supporter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, as well as, Hunters For The Hungry. Services will be held Saturday, July 6 at 2:00 at Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville. John's family will receive friends and family from 5:00-7:00 on Friday evening, July 5 at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The rosary will begin at 7:00. Interment will be at the Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you

make donations to the JT MS Support Fund c/o First National Bank of  
Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may  
do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen Tallent*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Della and the rest of the family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. John really did mean the world to me. He was such a wonderful man and della he loved you so much. I always looked up to him and I'm really glad I got to see him the last time I came through Huntsville. He was talking to me about the grandkids and how everyone was doing well. I wish I could have been there but we are in Odessa now and there wasn't enough time to come down. Della I can't imagine what you are going through, but I'm praying for you and you are in my thoughts  
Love,  
Andrea*

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**Andrea Hogge** - July 09, 2013 at 03:32 PM



“ *Della -*

*After I received notification from our Procurement Office family in Huntsville, I was heartbroken to find out about JohnJohn. He was definitely a very humble and sweet man. My condolences and prayers go out to you. If you're ever in Austin, please let me know.*

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**Monica Presson** - July 08, 2013 at 09:03 PM

GS

“ Della,

*My heart goes out to you, Ronnie, and the rest of his Family and Friends. I have no tears, just the incredible warmth of his incredible kindness, laughter and love. From being my Husbands Best Man at our Wedding to being an Uncle figure for my son, he touched our lives deeply...from the Ballgames to Birthday Parties...Forrest loved him greatly also. When I think of John, I can only smile and hope one day I can touch lives the way John did.*

*I pray GOD will wrap all of you in his arms, filling you with Courage, Strength, Peace, Comfort and so much Love for the days ahead.*

*With deepest sympathy, hugs & love.*

*Gracie Simonton*

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**Gracie Simonton** - July 05, 2013 at 01:30 PM

DP

“ To the family of John:

*I met John when I was but 15. He was the sweetest most compassionate man. I knew this and I was only a teenager. That smile and his eyes seemed to just twinkle.*

*I know God has received him with open arms because he was so kind.*

*Diana Petro*

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**Diana Petro** - July 04, 2013 at 12:06 AM

MH

“ *My prayers are with the family with the loss of John. Praying for comfort, strength, and peace for all of you from our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**M Hyvl** - July 03, 2013 at 11:03 PM

DK

“ *Dearest Della and Family,  
We wish to extend our most sincere sympathy. Growing up and being in the presence of my cousins was a wonderful time. Especially, Johnny for he had a way of making the joys of life contagious. He always had that smile where he was up to something. Della, le enviamos nuestro amor para darle fuerza con su triteza.  
David and Ana*

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**David & Ana Koester** - July 03, 2013 at 08:37 PM

MJ

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mellicent Wiley & Family Bob, Heather, Heath & Justin** - July 03, 2013 at 06:37 PM

TC

“ *My mother, Ruby, and I were so saddened to hear of Johnny's passing. Our family went to the same school/church for many years here in Houston, and our ranch is located in Dodge not far from the store. I will always think of Johnny as that young sweet boy, who became an equally sweet man.*

*Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Tena Clark** - July 03, 2013 at 02:24 PM

BS

“Della, we are sending heart-felt prayers your way. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please know we are always here for you anytime day or night. John has a special place in our hearts and we will always remember his kindness and great humor. Thinking of you and sending you our love!

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**Blane & Stephanie Sheffield** - July 03, 2013 at 01:31 PM

CM

“I liked John Tallent, even though I'm pretty sure it was him, not Ron who fired me from Riverside Grocery back in the 80's when I was a grad student at SHSU. I was a city girl and absolutely hated bagging minnows and tried to do it as quickly as possible, not always bothering to count them. One day John took me out there and questioned if I was actually counting the minnows out. Apparently that day some bags had closer to 5 dozen and others had significantly less than 3 dozen. I lied and said yes I was counting. Then he asked how many minnows were in 3 dozen. Now of course I knew 3 dozen was 36 and I should have just 'fessed up to the lie right then but I didn't. I told him I didn't know, and his look was incredulous. He let me go back to work, then fired me right after the shift was over. He was very kind about it, but said a cashier needed to know basic math. I was so embarrassed that I just stood there mutely letting him think I was that stupid, plus I knew I had brought it on myself. However, the incident taught me a couple of valuable life lessons: 1. Don't lie to your boss and 2. Better to be thought lazy than stupid, everytime.

However, I always regretted that he did not know the truth, especially every time I drove to Dallas and saw a Tallent's Sausage billboard on I-45. But I guess he knows all truths now that he is with his Lord and Savior. He was a good kind man. Peace be with the family in their time of loss.

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**Colene Darnell Mixon** - July 03, 2013 at 12:14 PM

SP

“ *Della - was so shocked to hear of your loss of John. Our hearts are hurting with you and praying for peace that passes all understanding will be with you and all the family during this time. We miss you here at work. Please know that we love you and may God grant you hope, peace, love and understanding during this time of loss and reflection.*

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**Sharon Pierce** - July 03, 2013 at 11:55 AM

LH

“ *To The Tallent Family, We are sorry for your loss. May God continue to BLESS you and yours!*

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**Lottie Harrison** - July 03, 2013 at 10:34 AM

BS

“ *Della, Kristine & Ryan*  
*We are so saddened by Johns passing. It was only a short time ago that he and Della and Bobby and I sat at our kitchen table and talked about old times when we were young, remembered our kids growing up together, told each other new stories of our beloved grand children, and of many plans yet to come in our futures. Not knowing that he would be called Home so soon, John had a plan for the remainder of his life, to live it to the fullest! Travel, spend time with Della, his family and friends and indulge in his grand kids. We all should remember to dream like John did, live in the moment, and carry it forward in his memory.*  
*May the strength and grace of the Lord carry your family through this tremendous loss.*  
*Bobby & Liz Simpson*

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**Bobby & Liz Simpson** - July 03, 2013 at 10:13 AM

GV

“ *I am so sad to hear of John's passing. I remember in grade school he was always in the middle of whatever was going on, and always had a smile for everyone. In high school none of that changed. I will remember him for his smile and friendliness to everyone. May he rest in peace.*

*My prayers thoughts go out to his family and may you all feel the comforting peace, knowing John's smile will be guiding you from heaven.*

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**Gloria Cykala Vocolka** - July 03, 2013 at 09:01 AM

“ For the family:

*The Last Moment*

*Then comes the moment of saying good by.  
Now it's the end, you stop asking why.  
You search your mind for things never said.  
Strength comes from friends and tears that you shed.*

*What now has to be, you know's for the best.  
It's hard to let go, but now he can rest.  
Hold to the moments that all of you shared.  
The Lord now is waiting, with a place He's prepared.*

*larry moore*

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*For Della Rose:*

*LETTING GO*

*Letting go is hard to do, it's hard to understand.  
We planned, for eternity, that we'd be hand in hand.  
God and time had other plans, they didn't check with me.  
I sweep the grass, that hides your stone, beneath the shaded tree.*

*I promised that I wouldn't cry on, days I came to visit.  
It's time that I moved on with life.... but..... really .... is it?  
Death's suppose to break the vows , that we spoke years ago.  
Would someone tell my mind and heart, 'cause neither of them  
know.*

*I wish that you were here with me, It's hard to carry on.  
Even though, I see your grave, my lips won't say you're gone.  
Your pillow keeps me company, through my nightly prayer.  
Since you can't be here with me, I'll hold it 'till I'm there.*

*The Bible says when Christians die, they're present with the Lord.  
I know that God was standing there to welcome you aboard.  
Faith is all I have right now, but faith is all I need.  
That, one day, we'll walk hand in hand, just like we both agreed.*

*Larry D. Moore*

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**Larry Moore** - July 02, 2013 at 09:34 PM

JM

“ *I was so, so sad and in shock to hear about John. He was such a fine person, nice to everyone. Such a loss and way to young to go. My prayers are with the family and pray that they will feel God's presence as they take this on.*

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**Julia Marino** - July 02, 2013 at 09:07 PM

YN

“ *Della, I was very shocked and saddened to hear of John's passing. He was an amazing person. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he will be dearly missed. You and the Tallent family will be in my prayers.*

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**Yolanda Nixon** - July 02, 2013 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time. I grew up with the Tallent's in the Heights and John and his siblings were grade school and high school friends. Mary and I were in the same class. John was a very special person and always treated me with kindness from a very young age. He will always have a special place in my heart.

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**Johnnye Faye Shupe** - July 02, 2013 at 07:20 PM

MC

“ *Della and the Tallent Family,*  
*I can't express enough my sorrow of what a loss you and family must be feeling at this time.*  
*With John's passing, I can't help but remember the great times spent with him and his friends and he had many,*  
*he was mischievous in fun, a prankster, full of life and laughter, many don't know or remember, John was voted "most daring" in high school, not afraid to take chances, John was genuine, a good person and a loyal friend who will not be forgotten, God Bless and Love to you and family*

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**Mike Cheyney** - July 02, 2013 at 06:18 PM

LB

“ *Ronnie, So sorry to here of Johns passing.I will miss our Sunday morning chats at the store.It always made me feel good to talk with him.He will be missed. larry*

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**larry bluhm** - July 02, 2013 at 04:51 PM

JC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He and his family have meant so much to the Riverside area for many years. God Bless you John.

Wayne and Kathy Cook  
William and Verla Cook

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**John W Cook** - July 02, 2013 at 03:38 PM

SS

“ Dear Tallent Family, I have such great memories of John. I am so sad to hear of his passing. I will always remember his patience, laughter, pink cheeks and sweet smile. Even as I grew up and left the community, I always try to stop in the store and catch up. I will never ever forget him teaching me how to bag minnows and the bag exploding all over me. Minnows flopped everywhere. John could not stop laughing. Good times, cherished memories. He will never be forgotten. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Susie O'Bannon Sharp** - July 02, 2013 at 01:42 PM

SW

“ Ronnie, I'm very sorry to hear of John's passing. I remember him as a fine man. I will always picture him with his pink cheeks and sincere smile. You and your family will be in our prayers.  
Sandra wooley and family

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**Sandra wooley** - July 02, 2013 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ Della, I was surprised to hear about John. He and Dad bonded over the pigeons and enjoyed their time together. I know Dad had fun with John. Ryan, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. You are both in my prayers as well as the rest of the Tallent family. God's blessings to all of you.

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**Trudy Fuchs** - July 02, 2013 at 01:01 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear about John's passing. Met him when he was a teenager and he and Ron were helping their dad at the store in Riverside. His Kristine and Ryan were pretty close in age to our Robert and John and so, when we would see him at the store, the topic was mostly, "How're the kids doing?" We know you will all miss him terribly, as we will too, and our hearts and prayers go out for you all.

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**Bob & Phyllie Kennedy** - July 02, 2013 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ I remember working with John on his weekly ads/special section ads for The Huntsville Item. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept my condolences for your loss. Memory eternal.

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**Margaret Booras** - July 02, 2013 at 10:06 AM

SM

“ Dear Tallent Family,  
Sending prayers and sincere sympathy in the loss of John. We had the pleasure to meet him on a trip to MN a few years back. We are truly sorry for your loss.

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**Shirley Murray** - July 02, 2013 at 08:59 AM

DE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is wonderful and it has been a pleasure to do business with such a nice guy.

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**Dana and Doug Eckles** - July 01, 2013 at 09:45 PM

TM

“ Our prayers are with the Tallent family during your time of loss. May God keep you in His arms and may He surround you with peace, comfort and love.

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**Thomas and Susan Mott** - July 01, 2013 at 05:11 PM



“ Della. I can only imagine how you must feel. Just know I am here for you, anything you need I am willing to help. John was so nice and the love the two of you has for each other was apparant on your faces . May you be blessed through this tough time. My prayers for you and your entire family. Thinking and loving you!

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July 01, 2013 at 04:53 PM

JL

“ Della,  
we are just heartbroken to hear about John, and want you to know that we love you and are praying for you and the rest of the family. John has sincerely been one of the nicest men I've ever met, and I know he truly loved you and his family more than anything. Please let me know if we can do anything to help.  
Jeanette and Roger

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**Jeanette Lowrie** - July 01, 2013 at 04:23 PM

BH

“ Dearest Della and family,

John was such a gentleman and most genuinely a nice guy. So sad for you and your family. If I can do anything for you all just call.

Billie

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**Billie Harding** - July 01, 2013 at 03:35 PM