



## Jon E. Tillapaugh

January 9, 1948 - February 27, 2021

Jon Edwin “Big Jon” Tillapaugh, age 73 of Grenola, KS, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021 at his home.

Jon was born January 9, 1948 in Detroit, MI to Kenneth and Lorraine (Johns) Tillapaugh. When he was young, he moved to Arizona, but continued to visit Michigan and spend his summers there.

In 1968, Jon enlisted in the United States Army, serving his country for 2 years. After serving, he moved back to Arizona, where he owned his own business. He primarily finished concrete, but also did some construction jobs, and being a jack of all trades, he owned his own sawmill and built log furniture, and tons of woodworking projects.

In the late 1970’s, Jon married Carol Tillapaugh. Together, they had 4 children. Although they divorced after 17 years together, they continued to stay very close friends.

In 2008, Jon moved to Grenola, KS to be close to his kids. He continued his woodworking, and really enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He made tons of friends over the years, and will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him.

Jon is survived by his children:

Preston Tillapaugh (Jessica Norris) of Grenola, KS

Ty Tillapaugh of Grenola, KS

Shannon Tillapaugh of Howard, KS

Lori Tillapaugh of Howard, KS

Tiah Tillapaugh of Apache Junction, AZ

Sister, Jan McDade of Mesa, AZ

Grandchildren: Taivyn, Cailey, Jaicey, Uriah, Nevaeh, Gabe, Kira, Tuff, Tessa, and Avery

Great-Grandchild: Airion

Several nieces and nephews

Tons of friends and loved ones

Per Jon's instructions, cremation has been requested.

Jon's family will be holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Grenola Community Hall, Grenola, Kansas.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Elk County 4-H Council, and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grenola Community Hall  
Main Street  
Grenola, KS 67346

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Always Friendly and kind to everyone. He will be missed.*

*Patti & Dick Simmon, Mesa, AZ.*

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**Pat A Simmon** - March 28, 2021 at 11:34 PM

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“ *Big man, BIGGER heart. Our family will miss Jon more than words will say.*

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**deeny yarbrough** - March 28, 2021 at 11:07 AM

MW

“ *Jon always treated me like his own. And made me feel loved. He was a gentle giant.*



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**Mandy Witcombe** - March 27, 2021 at 08:14 AM

LT

“ *I love you dad , gone but never will I forget you*

*Your loving daughter  
Lori Ann Tillapaugh*



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**lori tillapaugh** - March 27, 2021 at 01:46 AM

JN

“ *Always a smiling face. Jon will be missed.  
Bob and Judy Nungesser*



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**Judy Nungesser** - March 05, 2021 at 04:00 PM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of  
Jon E. Tillapaugh*



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**Chip&Nancy Crum** - March 03, 2021 at 12:59 PM