



Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin

January 14, 1946 - October 28, 2020

Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin passed away peacefully due to complications from COVID-19 at the age of 74 surrounded by his wife, his children and their spouses on October 28, 2020.

Doby wasn't exactly an obituary appropriate person but here is our best shot at it.

On January 14, 1946 in Checotah, Oklahoma William "Chief" and Nora Franklin welcomed their first child, Cho-Wella Franklin. His favorite little sister, Valerie, joined 7 years later. He graduated high school in Corvallis, Oregon in 1964 and then went to Oklahoma State University. Not that other school in Oklahoma that he greatly enjoyed teasing his baby sister about on game days. He served in the U.S. Army as a training officer during Vietnam and was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. He completed his Bachelor's degree at OSU in Business Administration. Doby took great pride in being the owner and operator of Franklin & Sons Deckmasters for over 30 years. He was a skilled carpenter with a creative mind. He was a proud Creek Native American and took pride sharing his culture with his family. He donated his time and work to improve the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota reservation in South Dakota through various projects including building a playground and a pavilion.

Doby enjoyed hunting, motor cross, road trips, boating at the lake, watching old westerns, history, John Grisham novels, cherry pie, playing pool, driving fast and telling a good story. Most of all, he loved his family. He cherished cheering on his family members, celebrating even the smallest accomplishments.

Trying to be succinct about a man like Doby is seemingly impossible. There was and will ever be only one Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin. He knew how to hurt. How to cry. How to laugh. How to celebrate. How to struggle. How to overcome. And, he knew how to be a really, really good friend. His story is one of both struggle and redemption, grief and joy, sin and forgiveness. He was a father figure to many, generous with his time, always asked how you were doing and was invested in what was important to you. He was very attuned

to anyone who was struggling. He knew how to comfort people in their pain. Doby loved Jesus but he cussed a lot. He wasn't a pretty evangelist. He was the real deal.

Doby was reunited with his son, Wes, his best buddy, Captain Bob Hoffman, his parents and countless others when he went home to be with Jesus. We imagine Doby at the gates of heaven with his arms up high squealing, "Wessssyyyy!" Doby often said he hoped there are projects needed done in heaven because worshiping God for eternity sounded a little boring for him. Although we can't really know what heaven is like, we imagine the Great Carpenter coming alongside Doby to build some pretty elaborate playgrounds because He knows Doby's heart.

Doby is survived by the love of his life, JoAnn Meason Franklin who he shared 44 years of his life with; his children: Sean Franklin and wife Shayna of Moore, OK; Tabbie Franklin of Austin, TX; Elizabeth Franklin of Broken Arrow, OK; Nathan Franklin and wife Stephanie of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren: Makyla Newberry and husband Cole, Kierra, Kadin, Ellie, Jackson; great-grandchildren: Blakely, Wyatt; Sister: Valerie Morris and Doug of Tulsa, OK; Niece: Ashley Vogel and husband Jonathan of Evergreen, CO; Mike and Bethany Franklin of Temple, TX. Best friends: Chris Busch and Jake Jones; Several other extended family members and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his son, Thomas Wesley Franklin; his parents: William Penn "Chief" and Nora Franklin; and a brother who died at birth: William P. Franklin, III.

Due to growing concerns over Covid, the funeral service will only available for the public to view via webcast on Thursday November 19th, 2020 at 6 pm here on MooreFuneral.com. There will be a public viewing beginning at 7 pm at Moore Southlawn Chapel, 9350 E 51st St, Tulsa, OK 74145. The graveside service will be 12 pm on Friday November 20th at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, 1423 Cemetery Rd, Fort Gibson, OK 74434

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Events

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Moore Southlawn Chapel

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Moore Funeral Home - November 19, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ I loved hearing the stories about Doby's unique and wonderful way of loving others, and his devotion to Jesus and family. These stories did not surprise me though as they have been reflected in every conversation I have had with Doby over the 30 some years Jerry and I have known him. We are praying for Joann, Elizabeth, Nate and the rest of the Franklin family, that they will be comforted and encouraged in the love of God and in the hope of seeing Doby again.

Anne & Jerry McCoy

Anne McCoy - November 19, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ What a beautiful and REAL testimony of Doby's life! I can hear him laughing in heaven, that GREAT laugh of his, as he recalled with so many the great stories that he had shared with his family and friends. I loved hearing those stories and recalling my own "Pulling A Doby" stories! I remember the time Doby came to our house in late February and he asked why our Christmas tree was still standing in the corner of the living room (with all the needles in a pile on the carpet under the tree). I told him that Brian and I were in a "Mexican Stand Off" over who was going to take it outside. So he just rolled up his sleeves and in ten minutes, it was out at the curb and the "stand off" was over! That is how I remember Doby-- life was too short and Jesus too good to remain at odds with anyone. I am grateful to be one of the blessed human beings on this planet who were part of the circle of friends of Doby Franklin (and Joann)! They (both) brought Jesus into a clearer focus by the way they live live, love and bless anyone in their path! Gwen Davis

Gwen Davis - November 19, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ I loved hearing the story about Doby he was a great man he was kind always asking how I was doing I can't put in to words how Me. Doby treated he treated me like he had known me for ever I'm so great full I got the chance to me him and Miss Joann the sweetest woman u could ever ask to me

Anna and Jesse ware - November 20, 2020 at 02:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin.



November 19, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Joann my heart is sad for you and the family. Sharon Thoele let me know Doby had died. Doby, Wes and all of your family will always have a special place in my heart. Doby and Wes are surely having a grand celebration and reunion! Very sorry for your loss. With love and prayers.

Becky Armstrong

Rebecca Armstrong - November 18, 2020 at 08:36 PM



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Larry Scott - November 16, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin.



November 14, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin.



November 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear all, please accept my love and sympathy. I loved that man so much and he leaves a huge void, but a beautiful Legacy for his family that he loved so much.

Even though we ended up on different sides of the state, you always stay in my heart. I was so glad to be able to bump into you all at different times such as dance recitals and RV shows! Love to all of you, Nancy Bridget

Nancy Burgett - November 14, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Mr. Franklin did our pool deck in Broken Arrow. Great Job. Sorry to hear of his passing. Harold & Barbara Hardin

Harold & Barbara Hardin - November 09, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Thank you so much. -Elizabeth Franklin

Elizabeth - November 11, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Dolby's passing. We were neighbors with him and his family for many years and have missed you since they moved away. You are in our prayers JoAnn and would love to come see you soon.

Steve and Ginger Smith

Ginger - December 03, 2020 at 07:07 AM



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Elizabeth Franklin - October 29, 2020 at 10:47 PM