



## Col. Jack E. Johns

February 18, 1931 - July 17, 2020

On July 17, 2020, Col. Jack E. Johns heard the call of Reveille and opened his eyes to find himself in the presence of his Lord, his beautiful daughter, Julie Kay, and his parents, Lenora McElroy Johns, Kenneth Johns, and Steve Edwards. Memorial services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in the Marvin United Methodist Church Chapel with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating. A private graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Dad was born in Centerville, Iowa on February 18, 1931. He moved to Creston, Iowa as a young teen and it was there that he met Patricia Keast, who quickly became the love of his life. Dad received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point and on the day he graduated from the Academy in 1953, he married Mom...who remained his adoring wife and best friend for the next 67 years.

Dad made us Texans when we moved to Richardson with Texas Instruments in 1959. Dad's career path led him to Tyler as their Postmaster, then Austin as their postmaster, then finally to Tyler Junior College where he taught until he retired. He had a Master's Degree from SMU, was on the Tyler ISD Board of Trustees and served as President. He stayed active with the Army until he retired in 1991.

Dad leaves to tell his story and share his memory, his first and only love, Pat;

his children, Cynthia Johns Mendoza (Ralph), Elizabeth Johns Smith (Gregg) and Andrew Lyle Johns (Jennifer); 8 grandchildren, Tricia Klapprodt (Jeffrey), Mandi Johnson, Brooke DeLuna (Chris), Clay Smith (Allison), Kyle Smith, Andrew Johns, Jack Johns and Connor Johns ; 7 great- grandchildren, Patrick, Thia, Cailyn, Christian, Kinley, Sanders and Brigham; his brother, Robert Johns (Linda) and their family; and Heidi, his beloved Westie.

Dad, we'll deeply love and terribly miss you every day, but you left a legacy that will help us carry on until Reveille calls us home to once again be together. You will always be the wind beneath our wings.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 or West Point Society of North Texas at <https://secure.west-point.org/wpsnt/donate/>.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith! 2 Timothy 4:7

## Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Chapel  
300 W. Erwin St.  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lovely couple to have for neighbors.....Pat and Jack were so kind and easy to talk with and fun to know. After they moved I missed seeing them out walking their dog. Jack was a true gentleman. Prayers for the family!*

*Gayle Pope*

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**Gayle Pope** - July 23, 2020 at 01:01 AM

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“ *Elvin Knotts purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.*



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**Elvin Knotts** - July 20, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.*



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July 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.*



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July 20, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *My condolences to the Johns family. I came to know Jack during his days as a Tyler postmaster and school trustee and recently reconnected with him during a visit to the Tyler Museum of Art. A true gentleman who will be greatly missed.*

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**John Sims** - July 19, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Ann and Bruce purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.*



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**Ann and Bruce** - July 19, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.*



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July 19, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Col. Jack E. Johns.* ”



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July 18, 2020 at 08:30 PM