



## John Calvin Brady

August 28, 1964 - August 25, 2021

John Calvin Brady, age 56, passed away on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, after a years-long fight with cancer. John was born to Annis Smith and Edgar Brady on August 28, 1964, in Houston, Texas, and was the youngest of three boys. As a kid, he excelled in sports and was a natural at football. He enjoyed family get-togethers and trips to Lake O' the Pines. He spent summers with his cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents playing in the woods and creeks, shooting BB guns, and eating chicken and dumplings. John graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and attended Tyler Junior College.

He met his future wife, Molly Glass, in 1987, and they married in July of 1988 in Tyler, Texas. He began his career as a bread man at Flowers Baking Company in early 1988, where he worked his entire career. John and Molly moved to Whitehouse in 1996 and have remained in the same house ever since. They have three children, and his two daughters, Megan and Brooklyn, were softball players for many years. As a result, many girls in East Texas from the 1990s to the present day know him as "Coach John" - or even "Big Sally" if he was pitching batting practice. No one could forget his ground balls or the special ability he had to encourage others and build them up. When the community was hit by a negative event or if someone needed help cooking or getting buns and bread for folks, John always stepped up to be that man and lend a helping hand. John had a heart for children and for people with special needs, and he signed up to be a "buddy" for The Challenger League in Tyler, which is someone who

assists children with special needs in playing on a baseball team. He was an outstanding man to have in your corner, never met a stranger, and was an incredibly hard worker. He took pride in what he did, no matter what it was, and he was known for being early everywhere, which is a trait he sadly did not pass on to his wife and children, not for lack of trying. You could find John at the softball fields, in his La-Z boy, or on the golf course if he was not at work. He was a diehard Oakland (now Las Vegas) Raiders fan. He enjoyed riding four-wheelers, shooting guns, and golfing with his son, Tristan. They were always working in the yard, playing with their dog, Cowgirl, visiting with neighbors, or watching The Andy Griffith Show (queue the whistling). Those close to him can easily picture him driving his truck down the road, singing along to good music, and strumming his fingers on the steering wheel. John was a believer in and follower of Christ and was baptized, alongside his son, in June of 2018. Because John was an organ donor, his pretty baby blue eyes will continue to be a gift to others. John made a lasting and immeasurable impact on so many lives, and he will be missed dearly.

John was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Brady.

He is survived by his loving family including wife, Molly; children, Megan, Brooklyn, Tristan; brothers, Seth Brady and wife, Sandy of Kingwood, Texas; Tomm Brady and wife, Martha of Bell Buckle, Tennessee; nephews, Justin Brady and wife, Kathleen and Caden Glass; mother, Annis Brady; nieces, Paige Brady, Shelby Brady and fiancé, Andrew Rolfe. John is also survived by numerous aunts,

uncles, and cousins. Pallbearers will be: Seth Brady, Tomm Brady, Tristan Brady, Pat Vanschuyver, Mike Jones, Darrell Atwood, Cary Medlock, Derryl Mallard, and Mason Mallard. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Coach John's "baby girls" and "knotheads".

Services for John are as follows: Visitation from 2-4pm at Stewart Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas, on Sunday, August 29, 2021. The funeral will be held at 10am at First Baptist Church in Whitehouse, Texas, on August 30, 2021, and

burial at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler, Texas, following the funeral services. In line with John's passions and his battle with cancer, donations in his name can be made to one the following: Rose Capital East Little League - Challenger League in Tyler, Texas. (Mail checks to P.O. Box 9458 Tyler, TX 75711 and make them out to Rose Capital East Little League with Challenger League in honor of John Brady in the memo line); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)); or your local softball league or organization.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Whitehouse  
801 E. Main St.  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ I moved to Tyler in the summer of 1981 when I was 16 years old. I got a job bagging groceries at Brookshires, where I met John. We've been friends ever since. We graduated from high school together and lost touch, but we reconnected several years ago through Facebook. He always made me laugh. I'll miss him.

Rich Killmon - August 31, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DG

“ My husband Paul Gabucci who passed back in January this year worked for Flowers foods with John. I never got the pleasure to meet John and his family in person, but Paul always talked highly of him and his family. May you rest in peace John.



Danelle Gabucci - August 29, 2021 at 05:44 AM

CS

“ John taught me everything I know working for Flower's Bakery. He will truly be missed by the company.

Thank you Brady for everything.  
Cordera Walker Sr.



Cordera Walker Sr. - August 28, 2021 at 10:19 PM

KE

“ So sorry to hear this..john was a good man and I am glad I had the pleasure to coach with him and all of the others when our girls were growing up...god speed coach john!!  
Ken enneking

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**Ken enneking** - August 28, 2021 at 07:51 PM

BR

“ I can't believe that my precious cousin has flown away from this earth! My heart breaks knowing that I will never again have the chance to hear his boisterous laugh, be the recipient of his genuine heart warming smile or look into those sparkiling beautiful blue eyes. But, I will hold those memories, and many many others, of him in my heart for the rest of my life.  
Fly high John. I will see ya again sometime! I love you beyond measure!



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**Bulah Kay Richey** - August 28, 2021 at 11:34 AM

MY

“ Michael & Anita Young lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Brady



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**Michael & Anita Young** - August 27, 2021 at 10:09 AM

Ronda  
Paura

“ *Ronda Paura lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Brady*



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**Ronda Paura** - August 26, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ *I'm very grateful to have worked with John Brady for 18 years. He was a tough but honest man to have worked along his side. He taught me a lot about the bakery business and showing how to meet deadlines every day. I enjoyed sitting down with him just us talking about life in general and enjoying each other's company. You will be missed and never forgotten. You are now in Jesus arms rejoicing not being in pain. RIP my dear friend.*



*Jeffery Henry*

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**Jeffery Henry** - August 26, 2021 at 08:30 PM