John McClain,

September 10, 1924 - April 13, 2012

John Andrew McClain went to be with his heavenly Father on April 13, 2012, in Tyler. The visitation is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 followed by services at 2 p.m. at the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pike Wisner officiating. Burial will be in Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery, Tyler. John was born September 10, 1924, in Monroe, La., to the late John Andrew Sr. and Amanda Belle Scruggs McClain. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Army and served our country in the South Pacific during WWII with the 38th Infantry Division. During his tour of duty, John was asked to be a special war correspondent. Following the war, John received a Bachelors of Science from Louisiana State University and was a member of Beta Alpha Psi honorary organization for financial information students. He continued to be an enthusiastic LSU supporter his entire life.

Humble Oil and Refining Company recruited him from college. This was the start of a 38 year career with Humble/Exxon Oil Company. During his tenure with Exxon, he served many places across Louisiana, Texas, and Internationally including New Orleans, LA; Houston, TX; and London, England. He was a highly respected business man serving on many boards and committees including President of the Petroleum Accounting Society, International Accounting Standards Board, and member of C.O.P.A.S., Council of Petroleum Accountants Society Inc. in New Orleans, LA.

During the time spent in London, John became an avid antique collector and certified with the International Society of Appraisers. He spent his retirement

collecting, appraising, and enjoying the thrill of the hunt and history of each piece. While living in New Orleans, John was ordained a deacon at Oak Park Baptist Church and he continued his active Christian life wherever he lived. When he retired in Tyler, he became an active member of First Baptist Church of Tyler and Kiwanis Club. John’s passion for the outdoors was one he enjoyed sharing with the family including hunting and fishing. He took great pride in the 'Farm' and his home of 36 years on Lake Palestine. John was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who treasured the time he spent with his family and friends. He lived his life based on the principles of hard work, integrity, and Christian values. John was preceded in death by his parents and Sister Theo Love. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 58 years, June McClain of Bullard; daughters, Jamie Valentine and husband Robert of Houston and Julie Edmonds and husband Curtis of Spring; grandchildren, John Valentine of Houston and Katie Whittiker and husband Cody of Little Elm; nephews, Barry Bingham and wife Karen and Brent Bingham and wife Charlotte all of Jacksonville. Pallbearers will be Robert Valentine, Curtis Edmonds, John Valentine, Cody Whittiker, Barry Bingham, Brent Bingham, and Jerry Bellis. Honorary pallbearers will be Ernie Jett, Cecil Girard, and the CIA Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church in Tyler. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 301 West Ferguson, Tyler, 75701.

Tribute Wall

SB

Jamie and family-

You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. My God wrap his arms around you and comfort you in your time of need.

-Susan Brenz

Susan Brenz - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

we will miss you love to the family

willie beasley - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Shauna Johnson - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

Jamie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your family are in my prayers at this sad time...

Mary Dawn Murr - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

Dear June,
We want you to know that we are thinking of you and your family. John was a marvelous person, and always willing to help us. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Dan & Marie Dusek

Dan & Marie Dusek - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

My sincere condolences.

Pam Harris - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

Dear Jamie,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,
Nora

Nora Lopez - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

John was a great neighbor and friend. We enjoyed getting to visit with him whenever we could. We liked hearing his fishing stories and all the varied experiences he had lived through. We will miss him a lot!

Shirley and Alan Bailey - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

Jamie,
You and I were so happy to see each other last week at the retirement celebration. And now, to hear about your dad. I am so sorry! You and your family will be in our prayers. You are greatly loved, my friend!

Ruth Scott - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

Mr. McClain always had a smile and always wanted to know how my father was doing. I will miss the short converations in the road, but will always remember his cheerful dispositon. East Texas is made up of landmarks. It will always be the McClain Place. May he find his place in Heaven.

Joe Ellis - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

Dear Jamie and Family,

Prayers are being sent your way... It's hard to say goodbye to our loved ones here on Earth, but how comforting it is to know that your dad is now with Jesus and all who follow Him.

Love,
Karol

Karol Watson - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EV

Jamie I am so sorry to hear about the lost of your Father. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Love Evelyn

EvelynmMaikranz - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

Jamie and faimily,
I am so saddened by the loss of your dad. He was so sweet, always smiling and an outstanding, honorable veteran who served our country. I remember his faithful attendance at Yeager's Veteran Celebrations enjoying the kids and being with all the friends and veterans while sharing stories. I am very thankful his parting service was honorable, for he was a very special husband, dad, grandpa, friend. veteran, and Christian. You have so many happy memories to cherish. My love and prayers are with you and the family.

Marlene Robert - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM