



## John Walton Moran

October 29, 1928 - September 20, 2021

John Walton Moran graduated into the Eternal Life with Christ on September 20, 2021.

A rosary will be said at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Flint, TX, followed by a requiem Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the same location. A Celebration of Life will be held after the service at the Meadow Lake Senior Living Community in the 2nd floor dining room in Tyler, Texas.

John was born to Patrick William Moran and Mary Eleanor Walton Moran in Olivia, Minnesota. He grew up in a small-town atmosphere, in a happy family setting, with an older sister, and a younger sister.

He graduated from Olivia High School in 1946 and went on to St. Thomas College for two years before transferring to the University of Minnesota to study Engineering. During that period of time, he joined the Minnesota National Guard and participated in drills and summer camps.

The Korean war had just started, and John had the opportunity to enlist in the Naval Aviation Training program, which he did, getting an Honorable discharge from the National Guard.

John's aviation training was conducted in Pensacola, Florida and Hutchinson, Kansas. He received his Commission as a Naval Officer and his Pilot's wings on December 24, 1952. He was assigned to VP-10, on the East Coast, at Brunswick, ME. The Squadron's mission was to search and hunt down Russian submarines. John's service tours took him to Iceland, Africa, the Mediterranean area, Malt, Italy and much of North Africa, as well as along the Eastern Coast of the United States. John was Honorably Discharged into the Reserves on July 6, 1956, and went into civilian life, working for a manufacturing company in St Paul, MN.

It was then that John met his God-Given soulmate Ann Rose Black of Port Arthur, Canada. Four weeks before their intended wedding, he was recalled into the Navy during the Cuban Crisis, and almost missed his wedding, but he did make the date of December 30th, 1961.

Their Honeymoon consisted of driving from Port Arthur, Canada, to Brooklyn, New York for duty. During that tour, John was promoted to Commander and also Aircraft Commander that involved responsibility for his aircraft, and the fourteen-man crew.

After discharge from that recall, John went back to his old job, and he and Ann started a family. Three boys and a girl were gifted to them.

In 1972 the family was moved to Waco, Texas, where John coordinated moving three companies to Waco, forming what was named Marathon Battery Company. It is now known as Marathon Norcor Inc due to accumulation of several smaller companies. He retired in 1996 as the Director of Quality Engineering.

During his civilian life, John was involved in service groups, namely, the Daedaleons, AUSN, American Legion, MOAA, and the NROS, all of which

were service-connected organizations.

Later after retirement from civilian life, he was very active in the Providence Hospital organization, becoming one of the Board of Trustees, on which he served for six years. After that John was very active in the Providence Volunteers, serving on the governing board.

John was a founding member of St. Jerome Catholic Church and was on the committee that organized the columbarium, which is adjacent to the Church, and a wonderful place to meditate and pray for your loved ones, who have been cremated.

One of his assignments through the church was to join a committee to form what was named: "The Institute for Learning in Retirement." It was under the guidance of the Personnel Dept of Baylor University, and John and the Director of Personnel organized the format for the program. John was the first President, and the organization is still vibrant but under a new name.

He was also an avid golfer until the age of 83, when it was no longer enjoyable.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Margaret and her husband George Halliday, his sister Colleen Hansen, and many other close relatives and friends including his lifelong best friend, Russell F. Baker.

Left to celebrate his memory are his loving wife Ann, brother-in-law Mike Hansen of Paynesville MN, son Sean Moran, MD and wife Linda of Lufkin, TX, daughter Lisa Moran, Esq. of Tyler TX, son Mark Moran, Esq. and wife Katrina of Dallas TX, and son Brett Moran, MD and wife Arlene Betancourt, MD of Dallas TX. He also leaves some special friends, Don and MaryAnn Parks, and

Lorna Baker.

He regretfully leaves six grandchildren: Cole and Elle Moran of Tyler TX, Kylee and Kenzee Burton of Lufkin TX, Aidan and Jessica Moran of Dallas TX, all of whom he loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church of Flint TX, 18221 FM 2493, Flint, TX 75762, or the Waco TX Providence Foundation, 6901 Medical Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712 or the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
18221 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762  
(903) 894-7647

## Requiem Mass

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
18221 FM 2493  
Flint, TX 75762  
(903) 894-7647

## Reception Following Mass

OCT 1 (CT)

Meadow Lakes Senior Living Community  
16044 CR 165  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ When I think about my friend John Moran, my thoughts go back a few years to the ponderosa grill where we would meet for coffee. We had some good meals together with his beautiful daughter Lisa at the Cascades. He often talked about Waco, where they lived for many years. John will be in my heart for a long time, I know that John was happy when he heard the Angels say "Well done, good and faithful servant." Love Always, MITCH

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**Mitch Rawlinson** - September 28, 2021 at 03:53 PM

LM

“ Wise & kind...definitely two words I would use to describe John. What a great example of a Father & family man. John was always so welcoming and encouraging to me when I was young & single and then extended that same generous spirit to both me & my husband when we married. John had a good sense of humor and a great memory. He always got such a laugh recalling the memory of my parking skills. On more than one occasion, I visited the Moran home in Waco and managed to park blocking the driveway. Combine a bit of nervousness about getting to close to the mailbox and a lack of depth perception on my part and the results would be parking in a spot that blocked the driveway. John loved to tease me about this little inside joke many years after it happened. It was a heartfelt way we connected with our long history of friendship. My husband, Sam, always commented John & Ann were like another set of parents for us. We always felt so loved and welcomed by them both. We along with anyone who knew & loved John will miss him dearly. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family.

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**Linda & Sam McGuire** - September 27, 2021 at 06:30 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Moran lit a candle in memory of John  
Walton Moran*



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**Lisa Moran** - September 27, 2021 at 03:00 PM

“ I am just numb. I cannot believe my Dad is gone. He has always been my rock. Always, always been there for me. He was the kindest man there ever was, and I will miss him until the day I die. One of the last few memories I have is when I went to see him, and he had been sleeping for two days. He was not in his room, and I went looking for him and he was in the dining area downstairs where he lived. He was just like the Dad I always knew. He had a big smile on his face and said "well hello there". I started to cry because I had not seen him that way in a couple of weeks. He did not know that my tears were of happiness or even related to him, and he was immediately concerned for me, and wanted to know what was wrong. My dad was clear minded the next day as well, and we said the rosary together with my mother.

Toward the very end when Dad was not able to talk and was trying so hard to talk, I leaned down to try to hear him and he just kissed me on the cheek. I think he was just trying to say one last time how much he loved me.

One of my favorite things to do with my dad since he moved to Meadow Lake was to walk with him to the pavillon and just talk. He loved to be outside in nature. When he had been sleeping for two days, and I did not think he would wake up again, I told God I wanted just one more visit to the pavillon with my dad. God gave me that. We had our last walk to the pavillon less than one week before he died and had a really nice talk.

There are so many things my dad did for me - built me a play house, built me hurdles when I ran track, bought my first car, encouraged me to go to collage, and sent me money while I was here, gave me money anytime I was in a bind, helped me with money when I started my law firm...the list goes on and on.

I always felt unconditional love and support from my dad. I am so thankful God gave me him as a father.

*Lisa Moran*

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**Lisa Moran** - September 27, 2021 at 02:58 PM

WR

“ *When Reba and I arrived at Meadow Lake ,John and Ann was the first to greet us with a smile and that was the first of a amazing friendship.*

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**W.W. and Reba** - September 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM

JS

“ *Jamie Sonko sent a virtual gift in memory of John Walton Moran*



**Jamie Sonko** - September 27, 2021 at 01:48 PM

JS

“ *Jamie Sonko lit a candle in memory of John Walton Moran*



**Jamie Sonko** - September 27, 2021 at 01:47 PM

JM

“ To my Godfather,

*I will miss you and your gentle nature and good spirits. You were a great mentor to me in showing me what it means to be worthwhile and humble Catholic Gentleman. After my father and grandfather passed, you made me feel like I was another one of your "kids" and welcomed me as a family member at every opportunity. I will miss all the holidays and special occasions we shared together, but most of all I will miss your company.*

*What is left behind are fond memories and aspirations for those who knew you to live by your example. Rest easy, kind soul. For you created a legacy of excellence with four amazing, Godly children who all have highly successful careers that have touched so many others' lives.*

*One of the moments I will never forget is when you put your hand on my shoulder at my Confirmation. I could feel not only your presence, but that of my father and my grandfather. I truly believe it was the Holy Spirit moving through you to me in bringing together those who could not be there. It was one of the most powerful feelings in my life and it impacted me deeply. I feel truly blessed and proud that you were my Godfather and mentor. I thank God and you for allowing me in your life.*

*Love, Jason*

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**Jason McKinney** - September 27, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LM

*Thank you Jason - I am glad that you chose Dad as your Godfather and sponsor. You had the perfect Godly man supporting you. What you wrote is beautiful and perfect. Lisa*

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**Lisa Moran** - September 27, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ Caring for Mr. Moran was rewarding he became like family. He had so much wisdom . The stories of his life was so interesting .Mr. John was still so in love with Mrs. Ann we would always pick her a flower on our walks .(Still romantic at 94) He looked forward to seeing his kids and hearing from them .They are such a close knit family he use to tell me how bless he was, and I would say ya'll raised them right! He loved to paint and was quite good. He also was a strong man of faith. I will miss his smile it would warm your heart.

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**Jamie Sonko** - September 27, 2021 at 01:27 PM

KB

“ To the family of Mr. John Moran: I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. I pray our Heavenly Father will give you peace and comfort until you are once again joined with your love one.

*Katie Becerra  
Health and Wellness Director  
Meadow Lake Retirement Villages*

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**Katie Becerra** - September 26, 2021 at 11:37 PM

LM

*This is Lisa, John's daughter, thank you so much for your kind words.*

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**Lisa Moran** - September 27, 2021 at 12:51 PM

WR

*When we first arrived at Meadow lake, John and Ann was the first ones to greet us. They both have been amazing friends to Reba and I. From ;W.W. and Reba*

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**W.W. and Reba** - September 27, 2021 at 02:06 PM

LM

*today is 1/17/2026 - I still miss you so much Dad - I love you so much- you were the best Dad in the world - you will be forever missed*

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**Lisa Moran** - January 17 at 03:03 PM