



## Richard "Dick" Alton Johns, Jr.

July 17, 1929 - April 15, 2016

Richard Alton (Dick) Johns, Jr., 86, passed from this life into the next to be with his savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, April 15, 2016.

Graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler, at 2003 Blue Mountain Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75703, 903-939-2300, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Richard A. Johns was born July 17, 1929, in Tyler. His family moved to Longview when he was very young and moved back to Tyler when he was 16. He graduated from Tyler High School in 1946. After public schooling he received the Associate in Arts degree from Tyler Junior College and the Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Texas. After duty in the field artillery during the Korean War, he served ten years as Engineering Illustrations Editor of the General Dynamics Corporation in Fort Worth, being involved in assembly illustration of the B-36 and the B-58 "Hustler," the first supersonic bomber. Later in life, he did technical illustrations for Trane-American Standard in Tyler and portraiture and structure renderings for Tyler Junior College. A prize-winning author, he has three novels available on Amazon.com. THIRTEENTH APOSTLE, published by Broadman Press, is a story of the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. RETURN TO HEROISM, also published by Broadman, is a fictionalized tale of the disciple Mark's encounter with the Qumran Essenes and their Dead Sea Scrolls. And the missionary

adventure GARDEN OF THE OKAPI, published by Zondervan Publishing House went hardback to the U.S. and paperback to Great Britain. His novella, "The Legacy," was dramatized and presented on the NBC Television Network. His short story, "A Crazy Old Man," won first prize in a literary competition sponsored by TEX! Magazine, published in collaboration with The Dallas Morning News. His editorial cartoons were also published in the Morning News. His biography appears in "The International Authors and Writers Who's Who," published by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England. He received the Special Recognition Award for outstanding professional achievements to society and/or service to Tyler Junior College in 2014. He was a member of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church since 1961 and was a lifelong Presbyterian. His maternal grandfather was Dr. Robert Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tyler from 1915 to 1946.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Alton Johns and Annie Sarah Hill Johns; and his sister, Jill Johns Kelly.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Turner Johns; son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Carolyn Johns of Mansfield; daughter, Janis Johns of Tyler; grandchildren, Joseph Johns of Mansfield and Daniel Johns of Tyler; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Kaye Johns of Allen; sister, Anne Johns McKnight of Gallatin, Tenn.; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Frank Gillespie of Shenandoah; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Honorary pallbearers are Harold Beard of Tyler and the members of the Men's Sunday School Class at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Dr. Robert Hill Fund at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, 1660 East 5th Street, Tyler, Texas 75701. 903-592-1613.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Serv.

APR **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Lawn Cemetery  
2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. JoAnn, Andy, and Janis, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

Bo and Sheila Roberts - April 18, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Alton Johns, Jr..*



April 17, 2016 at 06:57 PM

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“ *My sweet uncle Dick always adored my late husband David, and now I'm warmed by the thought of how they are reunited in heaven. What a party!*

Wendy Lee Johns Longenecker - April 17, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Alton Johns, Jr..*



April 17, 2016 at 03:40 PM