



John William Jolly

December 11, 1931 - February 2, 2020

John W. Jolly passed away on February 2, 2020, in Dallas, Texas, at age 88. He was born on December 11, 1931, in De Kalb, Texas, to Ancel and Amanda Jolly.

John loved his family deeply. He was a tireless supporter of every activity that his children and grandchildren participated in, from coaching their youth sports teams to cheering them on at concerts and plays. After retiring from a long career as a national sales manager in the food industry, John devoted his life to helping people in need. He served his church and his community by volunteering for Ark House, Salvation Army, Stephen Ministry, and Meals on Wheels, as well as by leading exercise classes and a nursing home ministry. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a charming, funny, and caring man.

John was preceded in death by his dear wife of 61 years, Barbara Poole Jolly. He is survived by their 4 children and spouses Scott Jolly (Karlene), Russ Jolly (Deborah), Sharla Jolly (Rocky Franklin), and Jim Jolly (Bridgett); 10 grandchildren Zachary, Matthew, Sarah, Ramey, Jenni, Ariel (and her husband Ryan), Jewel, Jenna, James, and Jesse; 2 great-grandchildren Bradley and Elliott; and 1 beloved dog, Jellybean.

The family wishes to thank John's Nurse Next Door caregivers, especially Dominique, Teresa, Robert, and Heather.

Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 10, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas, and a Celebration of Life service will be held at First United Methodist Church Richardson on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Ark House: <https://www.arkhousedallas.org/>

Cemetery

Events

Restland Cemetery

13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX, 75243

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Restland Funeral Home
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

FEB **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM

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First United Methodist Church Richardson
503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX, US, 75080

Comments



“ John was my first supervisor when I started with Anderson Clayton Foods as a new graduate. WE maintained a long friendship throughout our careers. John was an excellent mentor and an inspiration to be around. We used to take our baseball gloves on some of our trips and play catch at various hotels rather than hang out in the bars. Lessons I learned from John were with me through my whole career after that. I'm truly sorry about his passing as well as Barbaras. I'm sure you his kids heard many stories that he enjoyed telling over the years. He left a good legacy in many places and with many people I know he's resting in peace having fought the good fight his whole life and he's looking in on us with a gret deal peace and love.
Bryant Barry

Bryant Barry - February 18, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ John started the free senior exercise classes at Christ United Methodist Church which has grown from a small group to encompassing the entire gym. John recruited my husband and me for the Salvation Army truck that served food and drink to firemen during long hours of firefighting and to bell ringing in front of Frys during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I will miss John and his unselfish community outreach.

carolyn hankins - February 08, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Thank you for the wonderful memories, Carolyn.

RWJ - February 09, 2020 at 09:12 AM



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jenna Jolly - February 08, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ I'm sorry to learn of John's passing. He holds an honored place in my memory. About 20 years ago, my mother-in-law, Claudia moved to Plano from California and she eventually found a senior living place that she liked and moved in. She soon found there was no Sunday service at her place and along came John Jolly, who supported her efforts to hold weekly services there. He became a steady friend for the rest of her life and I'm certain this story is only one of many.

Pete Quortrup - February 08, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Thank you for the lovely message, Pete.

RWJ - February 09, 2020 at 09:11 AM



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Sharla Jolly - February 08, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Love, Your Friends in Development purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John William Jolly.



Love, Your Friends in Development - February 07, 2020 at 04:43 PM



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RWJ - February 07, 2020 at 04:33 PM



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RWJ - February 07, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John William Jolly.



February 07, 2020 at 11:40 AM