



John Thomas Kizer, Jr.

December 10, 1934 - September 3, 2020

John Thomas Kizer, Jr. passed from earth to heaven on September 3, 2020 at the age of 85. He was born in Houston, Texas on December 10, 1934, the only child of John and Genevieve (Tully) Kizer. John graduated in the Class of 1952 from Stephen F. Austin High School in Houston. He continued his education at Baylor University where he received a BBA with a major in accounting in 1956. He met his wife Carolyn while in high school and began dating her in his freshman year in college. After an 18-month courtship, they were married on March 5, 1955 and enjoyed 65 years together.

Upon completion of ROTC at Baylor, he was personally presented his commission into the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant by President Dwight Eisenhower. He was sent to pilot training in Tucson, Arizona at Marana Air Force Base. From there, he served as a Captain at the Wing Headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama at the U. S. Air Force War College. He remained in the Reserves until the late 1960's.

Throughout his adult life, John was an active member of three churches in the Houston area – Tallowood Baptist, First Baptist Houston, and Champion Forest Baptist Church. In his later years, he joined North Shore Church in Montgomery, Texas. He had the honor and privilege of serving in the Northwest Houston Bible Study Fellowship class as a Discussion Leader. He also enjoyed serving in his church as a Third Grade Boys Sunday School teacher.

John took great pleasure in a 45-year career in Accounting and Information Technology. He owned and operated two computer service companies. In the last quarter of his career, he sold his company and worked for an international advertising agency as the Vice-President of Accounting and Computer Services.

John was always an avid fan of all sports. He played both basketball and baseball in high school and was named an All-Star player in both sports. He continued his athletic career at Baylor as a centerfielder for the baseball team.

His interests included researching statistics on his favorite sports teams, playing golf, hiking in the mountains and traveling with his family. But in all these things, what mattered most to John was his beloved wife Carolyn and his family. They were blessed with 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. One of the highlights of his life was attending his children and grandchildren's extra-curricular activities.

John is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Raborn) Kizer; daughters, Donna (Ken) Walker and Karen (Bill) Marks; grandchildren, Matt Walker, Kyle (Kristen) Walker, Kathy (Sterling) Morris, and Holly Marks; and great-grandchildren, Ella Fontaine Walker, Noah John Walker, Rowan Ripley Morris, James Alistar Morris, and Alice Isadore Morris.

A graveside service for the immediate family will be held at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ When I got the news about John’s passing, I was very sad in losing a long-time friend and great mentor! I met John in 1978 when I interviewed with him for the entry level accounting position while I was in my senior year in college. John was very generous with his advice and guidance which helped me grow and matured both professionally and personally for many years. We kept in touch periodically during our busy working lives and in our retirement years. John was a big man both in size and in heart! He was kind and friendly to everyone and not short on expressing his love of his family! Through him, I thought I already befriended Mrs. Kizer, his daughters Donna and Karen as well as all his grandchildren. I treasured our 42 years of friendship and surely miss him! I will keep John and his family in my prayers! Till we meet again in heaven RIP

Joanna Tsang

Joanna Tsang - September 21, 2020 at 04:34 PM

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“ I met John in 1995 and really enjoyed our visits and phone calls regularly over the years. He was always so excited, positive, and expressed his love for Jesus. R.I.P. my friend and we'll meet up in Heaven.

Bill Whitely - Temecula CA

Bill Whitely - September 16, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MH

“ I knew John for a short time;However ,he and Carolyn quickly became my dearest friends and neighbors. Baylor football was our favorite topic on Saturdays. Thanking God for the time he gave us to share. Heaven has another Baylor star shining Brightly. Blessings for Carolyn,Donna;Karen and their family.

Margene Hudson - September 05, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ Betty and Rich purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Thomas Kizer, Jr..



Betty and Rich - September 04, 2020 at 11:43 PM