



John Edward Harris

January 6, 1927 - December 28, 2021

John E. Harris passed away on December 28, 2021 in Conroe, TX, just nine days short of his 95th birthday. Having reached his 94th birthday, John lived longer than any other man in the Harris lineage. He was born January 6, 1927 in Leesville, LA to Jesse Edward and Percy Simmons Harris. John was a long time resident of both Baton Rouge, LA and Houston, TX and most recently moved to Conroe, TX.

John and his wife Jean Simkulet Harris were married eight years. Their blended family included his three sons, Phillip, Wesley and Rodney Harris and Jean's children, Charles and George Simkulet, Mary Lou McClanahan and Peggy Slay.

John retired after many years from WFI in Houston. He had previously spent many years at Southwest Fabricators in Houston and Delta Southern Co in Baton Rouge. During his tenure with Southwest Fabricators and WFI, he was privileged to serve on the board of several national regulatory agencies such as ASTM, ASME and "N" Stamp and participated in writing many manufacturing standards for the oil, gas, and nuclear industries.

John also served in the U S Army at a rank of Tec 4 during WWII. He was stationed in the Philippines during this time, and worked as an electrician, building and maintaining power lines and power systems on US military bases. He was honorably discharged on December 13, 1946.

John is survived by wife Jean Eileen Harris, three sons, Phillip (wife Carol), Wesley, and Rodney Harris, two grandchildren, Becki Knight (husband Aaron),

and Amanda Braithwaite (husband Ed), and five great grandchildren, Lexann York, Frank, Ethan, Laura and Leslie Braithwaite. John is also survived by a sister, Elizabeth Northington and a brother, Thomas Harris, along with Jean's children Charles, George (wife Deanne), Mary Lou (husband Jack) and Peggy (husband Roy).

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Percy Harris, first wife, Sytha Seniff Harris, mother of his three sons, and second wife, Joyce Hodgson Harris.

A memorial service will be held January 29, 2022, 11 am at April Sound Church, 67-1/2 April Wind Dr., Montgomery, Texas .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

April Sound Church
67 April Wind S
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Harris*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Annie Greco lit a candle in memory of John Edward Harris*



Annie Greco - January 25, 2022 at 04:40 PM



Sweet wonderful father and man.

Annie Greco - January 25, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Beverly Harris Corbell lit a candle in memory of John Edward Harris*



Beverly Harris Corbell - January 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM

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“ Although we hadn't stayed in touch for many years, I have fond memories of my cousin John when I was a young married, his boys were young, and we all lived in Baton Rouge. We spend many nights at his and Sytha's house, where we'd often eat crawfish out of a big paper bag. John was a sweet tease, and every time I reached in for more crawfish, he'd slap the bag, making me jump back, and then he'd laugh. I don't know why that memory sticks out! He was one of the sweetest and kindest men I've ever known, much like my dad, his uncle. I wish I'd stayed in touch better, but I have many sweet memories of spending time with him and his family during that time in the 1960s.

Beverly Harris Corbell

Beverly Harris Corbell - January 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM