



John Wallace Neathery, Jr.

September 23, 1921 - July 24, 2024

John Wallace Neathery, Jr., went home to be with the Lord on July 24, 2024 at 102 years old. He was born on September 23, 1921 to John Wallace Neathery, Sr. and Ida Mae Neathery in Elmina, Texas. John grew up in Elmina, Houston and Conroe. He graduated from Conroe High School in 1939. He then went on to get a radio engineer's license.

He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II from November 1942 - November 1945. He married Dorothy Steely on March 19th, 1949, and they had two children, Dee and John Neathery III. They had been married for sixty-seven years when she passed away in 2016. Dot was the love of his life and he remained committed to her until his death. John and Dot lived in Conroe, Texas until 1988 when they moved to Huntsville. John was a humble, quiet and very talented man. He worked as a radio engineer, helping to start KMCO, the first radio station in Conroe. He also worked at Jefferson Chemical and at the Vocational School at Conroe High School. In 1980, John and Dot started a Christmas tree farm on Four Notch Road and they sold Christmas trees for many years. He also enjoyed gardening and always had a large garden.

John was a man of strong quiet faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. John had served in various capacities at his church, University Heights Baptist Church. He often invited people to church and prayed for his family by name. He was a

very loving devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was very intentional about spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He could fix anything and loved making and fixing things for them.

He is survived by his son, John W. Neathery III (Jay) and wife Lynn Neathery, his son-in-law Doug Corkins, nine grandchildren, Caitlin, Claire, Caroline and husband River, Cara, John W. IV (Jason) and wife Rachel, Austin and wife Rachel, Drew, Alona and Caleb. Also, nine great grandchildren: Madeline, Reagan, John W. V (Johnny), Titus, Roy, Liam, Adelynn, Lucas, and Asa. He is preceded in death by wife Dorothy and daughter, Dee Corkins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to University Heights Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Monday, July 29, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday, July 30 at 10:00 AM at University Heights Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Black Jack Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Black Jack Cemetery

Black Jack Rd
Huntsville, TX 77340

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Ave.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

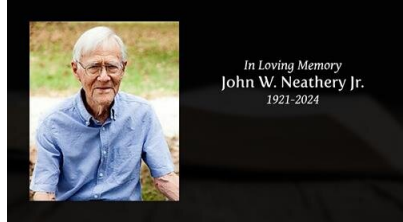
JUL 30. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wallace Neathery, Jr.*



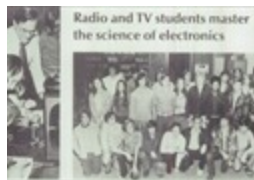
Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - August 02, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“First, I send my prayers and condolences to Mr. Neathery's family and friends. Mr. Neathery had a profound impact on my life. Over the years, I have thought of him often. I was in his 1975 - 1976 Radio & TV class at Conroe High. Growing up, work, raising a family and life took over my life after high school. One day in the 80's I saw him at a gas station as he was driving off but was unable catch up with him. In the late 90's I tried finding him and was told that he had passed away. I was saddened that I was not able to catch up with him. In 2015, I was at work and received a call from the receptionists office saying I had a visitor. When I arrived at the office, I recognized Mr. Neathery instantly and was overwhelmed with joy. He was alive and remembered me from High School. He somehow found out that I was restoring antique radios as a hobby and was still active in Amateur Radio, and wanted to give me many old parts he saved over the years. The next day, I went to his home and spent several hours with him and his wife, it was truly wonderful. Work once again took over my life and I retired and mover to Arkansas in 2019. About a month ago, a long lost friend, Bud Brinkley, neighbor of Mr. Neathery, found me and we have been planning to get together and I wanted to go visit Mr. Neathery with Bud but unfortunately, I am too late.

I tell all of this just to say that Mr. Neathery was a great, kind and caring man who I miss dearly. I am sure other students were equally influenced in positive ways as I was by Mr. Neathery. I think everyone he ever came into contact with is better off to have known him.

Larry Lowry





Larry Lowry - July 29, 2024 at 10:38 AM

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“*My prayers to the family and friends of John Neathery at his passing. John is enjoying heaven with Jesus and not having to worry about anything. I enjoyed being around Dot and John at church. John was involved with the activities at church supporting them He would greet you with a smile and made you feel welcomed being there with him. Enjoyed the years I had with a friend and memories I won't forget. John we will miss you and Dot but I know you both are enjoying each other's company.*



Marvin Hyvl - July 27, 2024 at 12:31 PM

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“*Mr. & Mrs. Neathery “adopted” me through our church’s college ministry for the 4 years I attended SHSU. I spent many Sunday afternoons at their home eating a delicious home cooked meal- oftentimes with fresh ingredients from their lush garden, listening to incredible stories, and enjoying time with them and their extended family. I was fascinated to learn, among other things, that they built their own home and designed it without any hallways in order to maximize space. He was a wonderful man who leaves quite a legacy.*

Erika - July 26, 2024 at 09:48 PM

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“ *John was such a gentleman - kind and caring, with a good sense of humor too. We used John for the voice of God in the narration in the first production I was part of at UHBC. He will be missed. Carol Cooper*

Carol Cooper - July 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM