



John Douglas Nicholson, Sr.

September 4, 2013

John Douglas Nicholson, Sr. John Douglas Nicholson, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather and friend passed away peacefully on the 28th of August 2013 at home in Elkins Lake, Huntsville, Texas. Nick, as he was known to family and friends was born in Kansas City, MO., July 24th, 1921, son of Clarence Lee Nicholson and Mabel Wittman Stewart. He graduated from the University of Missouri School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. Nick was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. Nick served his country during WWII as a 1st Lt. in the Air Force. Stationed in Tacicowa Air Base outside of Tokyo where he trained French Pilots in the F-45, a hot fighter plane. Later, Nick was transferred to Yale University for special training on the B-29 Bomber's electrical systems. An electrical systems "nightmare" now all computerized. After graduating in 1944 as a 2nd Lt. he was transferred to Roswell, NM where he continued training command for B-29's. Nick moved to Houston in 1948 and started J.D. Nicholson & Company, an oil field related business, distributing pumps, motors and generators. His first quotation for several generator sets was to J. Ray McDermott, working out of his home. The company grew and by the mid 1960's-he had obtained several good accounts as a distributor. Nick's greatest love was his family and friends. He was married to Velma Mae Clark with whom he had two sons, John Douglas Nicholson, Jr. and Bradley Alan Nicholson. He later married the love of his life Ethel Marion Brown with whom

he spent 34 wonderful years. He retired to Elkins Lake with Ethel and formed the A & I Group (Aged & Infirm Golf Group). They played golf and bridge and entertained friends regularly. Life was good. Ethel and Nick also gave generously to their community. They established several Scholarship Endowments at Sam Houston State University. Nick is predeceased by his parents Clarence & Mabel Nicholson, his wife of 33 years Velma Mae Clark, brother Wittman Nicholson and wife of 34 years Ethel Marion Brown. Nick is survived by his son John Douglas Nicholson, Jr. and his wife, Glenda of Houston, son Bradley Alan Nicholson and his wife Karen of San Francisco, CA., grandchildren Angela Igo and husband Roger, Natalie Clark & husband Andrew, John Nicholson III and wife Maggie, all of Houston. Shannon Grotjahn and husband Eric of Los Angeles, CA., Keri Stickney and husband Joel, of Seattle, WA., Darcy Kunkel and husband Neil, of Santa Cruz, CA. Seven great grandchildren very loved by Nick, Christina & Preston Igo, Caroline, Catherine & Jackson Clark, Lillian & Douglas Nicholson IV. And very special friends, Judy & James Bozeman of Houston, JoAnn and Conrad Zwernemann, Terry & Terry Kuntz, Marlene & Grant Holland of Huntsville, and the many friends at Elkins Lake. Nick also leaves behind his close companion "Tootsie" whom we loved very much. Nick lived a long and full life. At his 92nd birthday he was dancing the night away, enjoying his favorite Bombay gin martini with 3 olives! What a way to go! A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, September 4th at 2pm – at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas. In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions in memory of Mr. JD Nicholson may be made to: Rita B. Huff Humane Society, 530 Bearkat Blvd., Huntsville, Texas 77340 or First Methodist Church, 1016 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville, Texas 77320. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Douglas Nicholson, Sr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ethel and Nick were dear, good friends of my parents. I remember celebrating on many occasions when I came in to town and Nick and Ethel always included me to their parties!! Even played with Nick in an A&I tournament when Ethel couldn't play.*

May beautiful memories, happy times together with your families, Doug and Brad, sustain you during this time of sorrow.

I will always remember my hugs and kisses from Nick at the post office!

Doug and Brad, we are never ready to give up our parents, no matter how prepared we think we are. Know that you and your families are in my prayers.

Jo Beth Harrison

Jo Beth Harrison - September 02, 2013 at 10:06 PM



“ *Nick was my mentor when he was Sales Manager at Southern Engine & Pump Co.owned by my Grandfather C A Leavens.I was very fond of Nick and he helped me learn the business I later owned. He was a true friend and I am thankful for beginning my career under his tutelage. May you rest in peace Nick.*

George Allen - September 01, 2013 at 01:47 PM

JT

“ I am saddened to hear of Nick's passing. He and Ethel were so good to me and my 3 boys when they were growing up. I catered many a wonderful party for them at their home, and we had so many good times together with Martha and Harold Clark and the Schusters, and the others in the "A&I" group. He was a special man and I loved and admired him. Their kindnesses to all and their love and devotion to each other set a wonderful example to all who knew them. He will be missed but know they are together in Heaven!

Jeanie Thomason-Smith - September 01, 2013 at 11:51 AM

TK

“ It is so hard to believe that our dear friend is gone. We have so many wonderful memories of our "double dates" with Nick and Ethel. Our time with Nick since Ethel's death has been especially meaningful to us. He shared so much of his life with us through his stories and we created new memories together. It was such a privilege to be his friend. We will forever have our memories of Nick and Ethel in our hearts. The lessons learned from the two of them about love, gratitude, family and service to others will never be forgotten. We miss you already but we know you are in the arms of our heavenly father and reunited with the love of your life, our sweet Ethel.

Terry & Terry Kunz - August 31, 2013 at 12:27 PM

JT

“ I will greatly miss my friend, Mr Nick. Such a sweetheart. He always checked on me when he came into my office, and I loved him very much. I also admired how much he cared for his late wife and spoke of her with such devotion. This mail carrier will miss him at Elkins Lake.

Jerry Turner - August 30, 2013 at 07:12 PM

DB

“ *Not only has Mr J.D. Been my patient at Kroger Rx but he has been a dear friend. We will miss him greatly. Heard all about his last birthday party wish I could have been there to share this date with him. Loved that Guy*

Donna Bell - August 30, 2013 at 05:09 PM