



John William O'Banion

June 7, 1931 - December 25, 2021

John William O'Banion, 90, went to be with his heavenly Father on December 25, 2021.

John W. O'Banion was born on June 7, 1931 in Del Rio, TX, to Elmer O'Banion and Annie Pearl O'Banion. John was a long time Huntsville resident and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1948. He went on to earn a Bachelors and Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from Sam Houston State University.

John and his wife Kay O'Banion were married for 46 years. Their blended family included his son Brad O'Banion, his daughter Susan Hall, Kay's children, Terry Durrett, Kathy Harrington, and DeeAnn Powell. They resided many years in Pasadena, Texas where he worked at NASA through Clear Lake General Contractors, later at Boggs and Tatum Construction and then realized his dream of opening his own business, J&K Builders. While in Pasadena they were long-time members of First Baptist Church where you would find John in the choir each Sunday.

John was best known as a master craftsman. John was always willing to build or help where needed. After retirement John and Kay took their camper and volunteered with Campers on Mission. They would help churches or church camps all around Texas. This was a true ministry for them, and they made

many lifelong friends. John would also spend his time at his church, Northside Baptist, making repairs or helping where needed. His biggest joy was building rocking chairs for his kids and grandkids to cherish.

John is survived by his beloved wife Kay O'Banion, his sister Kathryn Vanadore and his brother Turner (Linda) O'Banion. He is also survived by his children, Susan (Jason) Hall, Rosie O'Banion, Terry (Renea) Durrett, Kathy (BJ) Harrington and DeeAnn (Lance) Powell. Grandchildren Erin (Colin) DuCharme, Lauren Hall, Kelly O'Banion, Heather (Rick) Scammon, Matthew Durrett, Sara (Michael) OBeirne, Mandi (Ash) Anderson, Clay Harrington, Andrew (Mary) Woitena, Mason Powell, Dawson Powell, and Caitlyn Woitena. Nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Numerous nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Annie Pearl O'Banion, and his son Brad O'Banion.

The service for will be held on Sunday, January 2nd, at 2:00 PM at Northside Baptist Church, 1207 FM 980, Huntsville, TX 77320. Burial will be at Clines Prairie Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 2nd, at 1:00 PM at Northside Baptist Church.

Memorial donations can be made in John's name to Northside Baptist Church, 1207 FM 980, Huntsville, TX 77320. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Clines Prairie Cemetery

Huntsville FM 980, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
1207 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
1207 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall



“ *John William O'Banion*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Blessed are those that knew John. We met John and Kay working with Campers on Mission. We partnered with them to be the coordinators for several years. They were a delight to work with and became family. I will never forget a project at Camp Tomahawk and all the ladies were given a single rose. Kay had left hers in the cafeteria and John decided to take it to her. I watched him walk the hill where she was working just to deliver the single rose. He needed a hip replacement at the time. This was a struggle for him, but he was on a mission and found her. John was a very caring and fun friend. He will be missed. We send our love and prayers to Kay and family.*

Jimmie and Retha Snelson

Retha Snelson - January 13, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Susan, our prayers are with you, Jason, and your family as you celebrate your dad's remarkable life. He was a beloved son of the Most High who, as a builder, built his home in Heaven through his love for Jesus, his love for neighbor, and his service to the Kingdom. He rests now in the presence of his Lord and Savior!*
Cary & Debbie

Cary Wilkins - January 01, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JJ

“ John made the work at Campers on Mission such fun. He was a beloved member of our group and everyone thought so much of him. We missed his infectious laughter when he and Kay could no longer work with us. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

Kay-we love you!!

Jimmie and Ginger Stripling

jimmie - December 31, 2021 at 09:24 PM

RA

“ Our prayers go out to Kay and family. John was a special friend that I knew through Campers On Mission. I learned not to say "Hay" while he was driving. Good times.

Dick and Arlene Small

Richard & Arlene - December 31, 2021 at 04:12 PM

VH

“ Susan, I cannot find the words I want to write at this moment. I have so many memories of your father while growing up on Carpenter Ave. He was a great man. My love to you and your family.

Vicky Lanchak Hart

Vicky Hart - December 30, 2021 at 08:57 PM

SH

Thank you Vicky. Those were fun times in our younger days. ❤️ I sent you a text message.

susan Hall - December 31, 2021 at 06:24 PM

BG

“ *Bud, Mary Potts and Girls purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William O'Banion.*



Bud, Mary Potts and Girls - December 30, 2021 at 11:37 AM

DH

“ *we have lost a great man and friend rest in peace john i'm glad i got know you!!*

DENNIS HUMPHREY - December 30, 2021 at 06:18 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of John William O'Banion*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - December 30, 2021 at 02:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John William O'Banion.*



December 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM

JO

“ John was always out front at family reunions to greet everyone with his big smile. We were sure glad to see him. He loved to build and didn't stop even after retirement. He was always helping others. Sorry we will be unable to attend the funeral service but will always have fond memories of John.
John T. and Sue

John T. and Sue O'Banion - December 29, 2021 at 11:13 AM

NH

“ Nancy Hopper lit a candle in memory of John
William O'Banion



Nancy Hopper - December 29, 2021 at 09:36 AM

BN

“ Turner and Linda. Y'all are in my thoughts during your time of grief. So sorry for your loss.

Beverly Niederhofer - December 29, 2021 at 08:35 AM

CS

“ Our hearts are so very sad as we reflect on our dearest friend's home going. We are happy for him as he is singing in Gods heavenly choir tonight but to know we will not hear that deep laugh this side of Heaven is so sad. He was a dear dear friend and many of our most treasured memories are of times spent with John and Kay. We will miss him and pray for Kay and family every day. Love,
Joe and Cindy

cindy Senn - December 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of John William O'Banion.*



December 28, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Gulf Coast Educators FCU purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of John William O'Banion.*



Gulf Coast Educators FCU - December 28, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of John William O'Banion*



M. Hyvl - December 28, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Please know that I am praying for your family. The Dick Robinson family loved your family. Cherish all the special memories. Love, Donna Robinson Paschall*



Donna Paschall - December 28, 2021 at 03:48 PM

TM

“ *We'll always remember John's kind heart and his megawatt smile. He always seemed like a true Texas gentleman to me. May your memories comfort you as you grieve.*



The Mohnings - December 28, 2021 at 02:04 PM