



## Col. John Earl Stice

May 10, 1931 - November 5, 2015

Colonel (Retired) John Earl Stice, 84, of Huntsville, Texas went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at his home in Elkins Lake.

Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Funeral Home located at 1700 Normal Park in Huntsville, Texas on Monday, November 9, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral service will be held at First United Methodist Church located at 1016 Sam Houston Avenue on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10am with Reverend Scott Dornbush officiating and Pastor Reagan Cooksey assisting. Interment will follow at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery on Fort Hood Military Post in Killeen, Texas. Sam Houston Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements.

John Earl Stice was born in Norman, Oklahoma to Earl and Lillian Stice on May 10, 1931. He went to high school at Foreman, Arkansas and graduated in 1950. Having received a football scholarship to play for the University of Oklahoma, he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Dolphine Newton and returned to Norman. After a career ending knee injury, he joined Army ROTC to complete school. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma. Upon graduation in 1955, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. Colonel Stice had a distinguished military career serving 30 years receiving five Legion of Merits and The Bronze Star. His service included two tours in Vietnam, Commander of the First Special Training Battalion, and

concluded as Deputy Post Commander at Fort Hood.

After retiring from the military, John began a second career as the Assistant Director of Support Services at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). After serving 10 years for TDCJ, John retired for good in 1994.

His mother, Lillian Stice, his father, Earl Stice, his sister, Nora Bergstresser, his brother, Howard Stice and his grandson, Zachary Stice, preceded John in death.

John is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dolphine Stice, his daughter, Sue Polk and husband, Robert; his son, Mike Stice and wife, Joni; his grandchildren, Kelly Randolph and husband, Steven; Jason Polk and wife, Amanda; Jennifer Looper and husband, Ian; Amanda Stice, Tanner Stice and wife, Rachel and nine great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and the H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum.

Condolences may be left in John Stice's name on the online guestbook at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State HWY 195  
Killeen, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Ave  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Col. John Earl Stice*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dolphine and family--- Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John and I worked at TDCJ together on many projects. He was well respected and known to "get the job done". His influence was noticed throughout the agency. After both of us retired, our paths only occasionally crossed, but we made it a routine to contact each other by telephone during the Holiday Season. Elaine and I will miss his humor and ability to tell a joke.*

*We always greeted each other with the question-- "Why does everybody know that but me?"-- a memorable line from one of his frequent jokes. He would probably have smiled if I had said to him-- Rest in peace, John--1020,Out.*

*Charles and Elaine Smith*

Charles and Elaine Smith - November 10, 2015 at 01:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



November 09, 2015 at 04:19 PM

GH

“ Dolphine,

*Very sorry for your loss, John will be missed by all his friends.*

*Guy Hogue*

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**Guy Hogue** - November 09, 2015 at 03:22 PM

AC

“ *Amada Senior Care purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



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**Amada Senior Care** - November 09, 2015 at 03:12 PM

AT

“ *Dolphine and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. John was a wonderful, kind man and will be missed.*

*Troy & Amy Tice  
Amada Senior Care*

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**Amy Tice** - November 09, 2015 at 02:08 PM

BD

*Mrs. Stice,*

*The little that I had known him, I enjoyed each time I visited with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*God Bless,  
Brad Dunster & Family*

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**Brad Dunster** - November 09, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



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November 09, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about John. Our prayers and hearts go out to you and your family. John was a big man with a big loving and caring heart. We all loved him. I was proud to have been able to serve with him in the US Army and work with him at TDCJ. He will be greatly missed.*

*May God Bless You.*

*Art and Sue Mosley*

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**Art Mosley** - November 09, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dear Dolphine, Sue, and Mike, Robert and I are so sorry for your loss. I hope John and Zac are having a big party up in heaven right now. I know this is a difficult time for you when things have already been difficult this year. We love you guys and are praying for peace and comfort for you in the days ahead.*

*Love,  
Robert and Nancy Vinson*

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**Nancy Vinson** - November 08, 2015 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ Thomas Fordyce sent a virtual gift in memory of Col. John Earl Stice



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**Thomas Fordyce** - November 08, 2015 at 05:36 PM

DT

“ Dear Sue. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man and such a good person to so many. I pray for the days to come that you will find peace with his passing. Love and prayers for your entire family.



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**Diane Tallent** - November 08, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BT

“ Dear Dolphine, and family. We first met you shortly after we moved to Huntsville, at a party Cricket and Jack were having. You had just won the Publishers Clearing House prize, and I was in awe! John and you have been such a special part of the neighborhood, He will be missed dearly, but is resting so peacefully now after a long difficult struggle. Bless you all.  
Love, Betty and Les Thompson

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**Betty Thompson** - November 08, 2015 at 10:36 AM

MW

“ Mrs Dolphine, I'm sure you do not remember me. I used to work for Dr Rollins. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Melissa Walters.



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**Melissa Walters** - November 08, 2015 at 09:38 AM

VP

“ Dolphine, I don't know if you remember me. We were in TOPS together. I just want to send my condolences to you and your family. I so enjoyed spending that hour a week with you two. What a wonderful and interesting man John is.

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**Vicki Prentice** - November 08, 2015 at 08:14 AM

DS

“ We met Col. John Stice, and absolutely fell in love with him, from the first moment we met him, which had to be back to 1985-87. Even after a few gruff comments, maybe a few tears, not thinking we did something right, we always saw that man that we realized that his bark was a lot louder than his bite, but his heart was HUGE in the love that he gave each of us. Not long into our relationship we realized that he was teaching us to be the people we are today. We were fortunate to get to extend what started at TDCJ into other relationships after retirement , where we were blessed to have met Dolphine. The saying behind every good man is a good woman. She is a GREAT woman who also shares her family with us. Mike, Joni, Sue, Rob Bob 😊, and grandchildren. He touched a LOT of lives and thanks for sharing him with all of us. His legacy and his lessons will continue to live in our hearts forever. Our prayer is God give his family and friends the strength in the healing days ahead. Our love to you Stice as you rest in peace.



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**Dale and Donna Story** - November 08, 2015 at 12:29 AM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Kelly Randolph** - November 07, 2015 at 07:31 PM

DK

“ *Sue, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his caring arms around your family. I have fond memories of party's at your house when we were in HS. Your Daddy much like my own Daddy was tall and a presence in the room when he entered. Love ya, Donna Gates Kelly*



**Donna Gates Kelly** - November 07, 2015 at 07:13 PM

JD

“ *Jerry Duff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



**Jerry Duff** - November 07, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MN

“ *Monty and Gwen Newton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



**Monty and Gwen Newton** - November 07, 2015 at 01:54 PM

MF

“ *Mary Gin Newton and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



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**Mary Gin Newton and Family** - November 07, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Col. John Earl Stice.*



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November 07, 2015 at 11:44 AM