



John Edward Belew

June 1, 1947 - January 28, 2026

John Belew passed away on the evening of January 28, 2026, with his son at his side. He was born on June 1, 1947 in Terrell, Texas to John William and Helen Elaine Belew. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Reginald; sister, Shirley Smirl, and brother, Thomas Belew.

Throughout his high school career, John found he had a talent for music. He played the tuba and created wonderful notes both solo and as part of an ensemble. His passion and ambition led to a band scholarship to East Texas State University in Commerce after graduating from Terrell High school.

John was known for his huge heart and made many close friends by showing his love and compassion for others. He was a caring father, loving brother and faithful friend. He felt the call to serve his Country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy earning an honorable discharge in 1971.

John would spend his days by the water casting a line, indulging in the any local sports team especially the Texas Longhorns, watching movies with The Sound of Music and Ben-Hur being two of his favorite and filling his home with the of music. He has a calming personality and he will be greatly missed by all who love him.

He is survived by his son, John S. Belew; sister, Elaine Coleman as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday February 4, 2026 at Oakland Memorial Park. Family will receive friends 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday February 3, 2026 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Deepest condolences John, you and your family*

Albert Chia - February 11 at 03:35 PM

BW

“ *Beth Wilder lit a candle in memory of John Edward Belew*



Beth Wilder - February 05 at 05:55 PM

FT

“ *Family Hernandez Tolentino purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Edward Belew.*



Family Hernandez Tolentino - February 02 at 10:46 PM

KC

“ *John was my Uncle and one of the kindest people I have ever known. He was amazing with math and always helped me with my algebra, calculus and geometry. Even though I know I tested his patience, he would always tell me we could do it together. He Loved his Family and we enjoyed tracing our Family tree together.*

Kimberly Colmenares - February 01 at 09:11 PM

BW

“ I attended school with John in TISD.
I'll always remember him as quiet and kindhearted. He loved music
and was a Tiger Band member through his THS days. Didn't realize
he was in the band at ETSU, but not surprised.
A really good guy and a THS 1965 graduate.
Bruce Wood

Bruce Wood - February 01 at 08:49 PM

KS

“ Karo Stewart lit a candle in memory of John
Edward Belew



Karo Stewart - February 01 at 10:44 AM

TS

“ The Mason's & Tony Smirl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward
Belew.

The Mason's & Tony Smirl - January 31 at 09:11 PM

TS

“ The Mason's & Tony Smirl purchased the Blue C
aribbean Bouquet for the family of John Edward
Belew.



The Mason's & Tony Smirl - January 31 at 09:11 PM