



CDR John E, Lawson

July 25, 1955 - April 27, 2016

Cmdr. John Lawson, USN, (Ret.) passed away peacefully April 27, 2016 in Huntsville, Ala. He was born June 25, 1955 in Memphis, Tennessee to John A. and Elizabeth (Forston) Lawson, both of whom preceded him in death along with his beloved wife, Nancy Lawson who passed in 2013. Being a career military officer in the US Navy, John lived all over the United States with being stationed in Naval bases in Arizona, California, Virginia and Maryland until his final assignment in Huntsville, Alabama where he retired after 30 years of distinguished service having achieved the rank of Naval Commander. His longtime and dedicated service to our country was appreciated and noted by several presidents, including Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush, Gerald Ford, and Bill Clinton, all of whom sent personal letters of congratulations and well wishes. While stationed in Maryland, John worked at the Pentagon fine-tuning defense system and test assessments among other duties. After retiring in 2003, he joined the Dept. of Defense as a Federal Civilian where he worked as Director for Flight Test Engineering for the Missile Defense Agency. A career of knowledge and application in both land and sea operations for systems engineering and weapon systems involving maintenance, repair and capabilities ensured that his contributions will be in place for many years of future military weapons design and implementation. His dedication to his country was well known and well respected and John will be profoundly missed by all who knew him both personally and professionally.

John is survived by one brother, Samuel F. Lawson and wife Betty of Terrell, one sister, Nancy Lawson Thomas and husband James of San Antonio; four nephews, Justen Lawson and wife Ashley of Terrell, Casey Lawson of Terrell, Michael and Steven Ashworth of San Antonio; four nieces, Elizabeth Ashworth Ingram and husband Lawrence of San Antonio, Kelly Cunningham and husband Billy of Canton, Hannah Harman of Tennessee, and Misty Lawson Scott and husband Glenn of Tennessee; seven great nieces, three great nephews and numerous cousins, close friends, and colleagues.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with Dr. Bob Price officiating. Family will receive friends 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to service. Interment will follow at Oakland Memorial Park. For those wishing, memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Research Foundation, www.parkinsonhope.org.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *CDR John E, Lawson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Renew Davis lit a candle in memory of CDR John E, Lawson*



Renew Davis - May 07, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Staff and management at motel 6 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of CDR John E, Lawson.*



Staff and management at motel 6 - May 05, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ *I'm going to miss John!! I really enjoyed making / watching him laugh. The family is in my thoughts and prayers as John had always been.!! Deb Watson*

Deborah Watson - May 04, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *John shared his kind and gentle soul and worked hard for the defense of our country. We will miss him.*

Gary Hild - May 04, 2016 at 06:41 AM

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“ I will miss you John. We both loved our dogs, our baseball teams, and our SEC football teams.

*Fred Stierwalt
Madison, AL
Missile Defense Agency*

Robert Stierwalt - May 03, 2016 at 04:37 PM

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*Quiet and hard working...John dedicated his life to serving his country...gone but not forgotten.
Vaughn Mahaffey, CAPT, USN (ret)*

Vaughn Mahaffey - May 06, 2016 at 03:53 PM

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John was a dependable colleague who gave good advice. He maintained his dignity throughout this terrible disease, and helped "try out" some of the new technologies in the hope that it will help others. I miss his quick wit and feisty but gentle nature.

Linda Palmer - May 12, 2016 at 05:32 PM