



## John Petruska

November 22, 1932 - November 17, 2022

John Randall Petruska was born November 22, 1932. He was taken up into the arms of God on November 17, 2022. He was born to Bettie Elizabeth Kulik and John Martin Petruska in Youngstown Ohio but lived in Texas for over 60 years and claimed Seymour, Texas as his hometown.

John, known as Jack to all who knew him, is survived by his beloved wife Betty Bailey Petruska whom he married April 6, 1974. He is also survived by seven children (one who predeceased him), seventeen grandchildren (one who predeceased him) and two great-grandchildren.

He was a graduate of Kent State University and served in the U.S. Army starting from 1954 to 1962. He served as a Communication Technician in Panama. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

After his service Jack worked in the wholesale electrical equipment industry, working for multiple companies and acting as a mentor to new employees over the years. He retired from working full time at age sixty two.

After retirement, he and Betty moved to Terrell, Texas where he acted as general contractor in building their retirement home. Jack ensured that all the details were as they had dreamed. They lived there happily for 25 years.

All during Jack's life, God was his main focus. After he and Betty married at Saint Mary's Episcopal in Irving, they made it their church home. While there, Jack gave his time and talent to the church as a member of the choir and the vestry as well as many other volunteer activities. After retirement and their move to Terrell, Texas, he did the same at Good Shepard Episcopal Church which they joined, working multiple years on the vestry and lending his many talents to whatever was needed.

Jack loved spending time with his family. He liked nothing better than to host gatherings at their homes. He truly enjoyed his time with the children, grandchildren and all of his extended family and friends. He leaves a legacy to be treasured by all and his memory will live on in the hearts of his children: Jane, Laura, Mary Beth, Philip, Frank and Victor, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren (too many to list), as well as in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all who loved him.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 200 W. College St., in Terrell with his family receiving friends beginning at 10:00am to service time.

A private committal service will be held at College Mound Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
200 W. College St  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

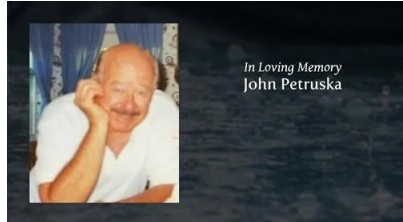
NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
200 W. College St  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of John Petruska*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - December 03, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *John Petruska*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

VS

“ John Randall Petruska

(November 22 1932 - November 17 2022)

Hello family Hello friends,

*I want to thank everyone here that came to honor and remember Jack. He was a role model for many of us here. He was the head of my household, He was the man I called Dad. He was extremely brilliant minded. I have often said he was the smartest man i know. You could ask him anything about anything and he could tell you what you needed to know. And that was way before Google. Jack was solid as a rock. He had a compassionate Heart full of love for his family and his friends. He really took kindness and class to a new level.*

*Jack expected a lot from his children and I would say he pushed me to do my best. But he didn't have to push because he inspired us to do our best no matter what. You see he didn't just tell you what to do he actually displayed the type of character he hoped you would have and he did this everyday, not just sometimes. Jack was loyal, honest and loving beyond measure. He was also extremely disciplined. His very presence was enough to have you sitting up straight dotting your i's and crossing your t's because he was going to bat for you. He taught me the literal Foundation of right and wrong. And raised the bar of Moral Standard. He was one in a million. He made us laugh, He Made us cry, He moved our Spirits. I have a lifetime of memories and experiences that I will always keep alive with my thoughts, my prayers and my deeds. Doing the best I can to be the man he saw me to be.*

*I Love You Dad.*

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Victor Smith - December 01, 2022 at 01:41 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Barbara Hearn - November 28, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ 199 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 28, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Petruska.



November 25, 2022 at 11:23 PM

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“ John has always been a bright light at Good Shepherd--friendly, good humored, always present and smiling. He will be missed.

Janet Lumpkin - November 18, 2022 at 09:02 AM



*Jack was always a bright spot in my life, he was a great friend, employee, and Mentor. He was a great guy.*

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**George Cox** - November 18, 2022 at 06:59 PM