



## Dr. John P. Sikors

December 19, 1923 - November 1, 2016

Dr. John Patrick Sikors, age 92, of Wills Point, Tx passed away Tues., Nov. 1, 2016 at his home at Lake Tawakoni surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 19, 1923 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to John Peter and Marie Barbara Moffitt Sikors. He was reunited in Heaven with his parents, his wife of 64 years, Shirley Sikors and his brother, Robert Sikors.

Enlisting on what was then known as Armistice Day-now Veteran's Day, in 1942, Sikors proudly served his country as a Navy Fighter Pilot during World War II. He was stationed aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Essex, which saw service in the second battle of the Philippines and in China Waters from Formosa down the China coast. His last strike was a combination air cover for the landing of the Marines on Iwo Jima and the first hit on Tokyo in February, 1943, when they took Navy Task Force 38 to Japan and engaged in general fighting. Prior to that, Japan had been hit by Army bombers but this was the first engagement for the Navy. Sikors flew over 70 missions during his duty. He married the love of his life, the former Shirley Claire Schmidt, at St. James Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 16, 1945. The couple moved to Texas in 1951, where they raised their family and established a highly respected chiropractic practice in both Terrell and Greenville until his retirement in 2009. They were members of St. John Catholic Church in Terrell and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Quinlan, where they played vital roles in building both churches.

When he was younger, Sikors enjoyed fishing, hunting, flying and most

outdoor sports. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan but his true joy was golf. He was a life-time golfer and, during the Great Depression, he helped support his family as a caddy. He once served as President of the Oak Grove Country Club and later became a charter member of the Lively's Tawakoni Golf Club. Those left to cherish his memory are children: Bob Sikors and wife, Layne Herrmann; Barbara Hendricks and husband, Rick; Patti Garrett and husband Jerry; Suzzane Owen and husband, Mitch; Nancy Sanford and husband Charles and Shirley Sikors; grandchildren: Marcus Sikors and wife Elisabeth, Dr. Laci Hendricks, Lauren McCombs and husband, Scott, Kimberley Redditt and husband Clay, Haley Bell and husband Andrew, Jenna Owen, Scott Owen, Andrea Price, Christopher Price, Jennifer Weaver and Kyle Sikors; great grandchildren: Sarah McCombs, Sage Bell and Dylan Sikors; brother-in-law, James Schmidt and wife Phyllis and sister-in-law, Peggy Keenan as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30am, Monday, November 7, 2016 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Terrell. The family will then have an informal reception that everyone is welcome to attend from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. At 2:00pm, the family invites everyone to a celebration of life to share stories and memories of Dr. Sikors' legacy and community involvement at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the East Texas Food Bank, 3201 Robertson Rd., Tyler, TX, 75701.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

## Reception

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John P. Sikors*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *We send condolences during your time of grief. Our hearts are with you.*

*Marty and Janet Lumpkin*

**Janet Lumpkin** - November 12, 2016 at 05:34 PM



*Marty and Janet, Thank you for your kind words. I have nothing but the best regards for you and Tom Kelly and the kindness you have always shown*

**robert sikors** - December 14, 2016 at 04:28 PM



*Thank you Marty and Janet. Your kind words meant so much to us. Barbara and The Sikors Family*

**Barb Hendricks** - March 16, 2017 at 02:30 PM

MN

“ *The members of The American Legion West Tawakoni Post #517 were proud to have had John as a member for many years. He was well-respected and we always appreciated his support of our Post and our programs. We are very sorry for your loss. He will most certainly be missed by those who knew him for so many years.*

*Mike Nelson, Commander  
The American Legion West Tawakoni Post #517*

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**Mike Nelson** - November 08, 2016 at 10:49 AM

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*Thank you so much, I know Dad enjoyed coming to the Legion.*

*Nancy Sikors Sanford*

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**Nancy Sanford** - November 10, 2016 at 03:34 PM

SA

“ *The members of the American Legion West Tawakoni Post #517 were extremely proud to know John and to have him as a member of their Post for many years.*

*I had the privilege of visiting with him many times when he came in. Our Auxiliary members always appreciated knowing him and his support of our Post and the Auxiliary programs. May he rest in peace.*

*Sam Armstrong, President  
The American Legion Auxiliary  
West Tawakoni Unit #517*

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**Sam Armstrong** - November 08, 2016 at 10:34 AM

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*Thank you Mr. Armstrong, we know how much he loved the your place.  
Nancy Sikors Sanford*

**Nancy Sanford** - November 10, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 05, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John P. Sikors.*



November 04, 2016 at 12:47 PM

DM

“ *In memory of Dr. John Sikors. My sincerest condolences. Our families go back many, many years. All my love to the family. You will forever be in my heart, in my thoughts and in my prayers.*



**Debbie Milliken-Martin** - November 03, 2016 at 11:16 PM

BH

*Thank you, Debbie. Your condolences and prayers meant so much to the family. Love to you also.*

**Barb Hendricks** - March 16, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ *Love to all my cousins and their families, Uncle Jack was a wonderful man*  
*Cousin Cathy*

**Cathy Poling** - November 03, 2016 at 07:40 PM

BH

*Thank you Cathy! Love to you and all the Cousins.*

**Barb Hendricks** - March 16, 2017 at 02:34 PM

FS

“ *From Your Cousins Sally and Brothers and Sister. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. John P. Sikors.*



**From Your Cousins Sally and Brothers and Sister.** -  
November 03, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. John P. Sikors.*



November 03, 2016 at 04:39 PM

CH

“ To all the Sikors family, You know how much I thought of your Dad. He was such a great man and a great Dr. I knew this was coming but I know you are never ready to let go. Please know that my heart and thoughts are with you now and the days ahead.

Cindy

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**Cindy Hunter** - November 02, 2016 at 08:15 AM

BH

Thank you so much Cindy! Your kind expressions are greatly appreciated by the family. So good to see you at the funeral and to message back-and-forth since. So sorry I forgot to check the tribute wall until now.

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**Barb Hendricks** - March 16, 2017 at 02:37 PM