



John Alton Bonewald

September 3, 1941 - October 31, 2021

A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Mr. John Alton Bonewald went to be with the Lord on October 31, 2021, at the age of 80. He was born on September 3, 1941 in Bexar County, TX. He is preceded in death by his wife, Carole Bonewald and his parents, Alton and Virginia Bonewald. John is survived by his daughters, Melissa McFarlin (Jeffrie) and Wendy Bonewald; granddaughters, Tatiana McFarlin, Elizabeth McFarlin and Kayla McFarlin; great-granddaughter, Aloura Martin-McFarlin; brother, Jimmie Bonewald; nephew, Christopher Bonewald (Ruby); other extended family members and friends.

John retired as a manager from the Southwest Research Center after 55 years and 6 days.

Visitation will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service to begin at 5:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Services to conclude in chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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<https://www.missionparks.com/>

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Tatiana McFarlin, his eldest granddaughter and mother of his great grand baby. My favorite memory of him was on the weekends was when me or his second daughter wendy would make breakfast and he would say "I guess I gotta go put my teeth in." With a smile on his face.

Tatiana McFarlin - November 21, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ John was a great help with the many projects I worked on at SwRI. He was also a good mentor that could cool my hot head down when things did not go well. We spent many a time just kicking ideas around trying to make things go better. He was instrumental in leading the charge of obtaining and then maintaining our quality control documentation and systems. And yes there was the occasional swapping of fishing stories or listening to him talk about his family. I will remember him forever. My sincere condolences to his family.

Fred Gerhart - November 14, 2021 at 11:12 PM

RW

“ John was a mentor, friend, co-worker, jokester, confidant and a humble man. He could be bashfull yet strong when needed. He will be missed and remembered.
Ramona and Steven Walter

Ramona Walter - November 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

RW

“ *Ramona and Steven Walter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Alton Bonewald.*



Ramona and Steven Walter - November 12, 2021 at 07:45 PM

RP

“ *Learned to know John, when i begin my career at SwRi, He was a good friend, Condolences to the family , he will be missed by all, always smiling with his corny jokes , and big Fishing stories ,May he Rest*

Richard Planas - November 10, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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“ *My wife and I were very saddened to hear of John's passing and want to offer our condolences to the family. John was much more than a co-worker to me, he was a great friend who played an important part in helping me to become the husband/father I am today. Besides work, I was honored to have spent the last several years fishing with John in the Medina Lake Bass Club and will never forget the many weekends we were able to share. John will be missed but never forgotten.*



Scott Zook - November 09, 2021 at 10:00 AM

AH

“ I'm saddened by this news. He was always so kind and helpful to me. The one thing I'll never forget about him is his jokes. He had so many. And he was always so cheerful. My condolences to his family.

R.I.P. Mr. Bonewald

Alexander Huebenthal - November 08, 2021 at 04:13 PM

BK

“ My family and I were very saddened to hear of John's passing. I worked along side John for 39 years. We ate hundreds of noon time meals together. We solved all the problems of the world at those noon time meal discussions. John always had good advice be it personal or business related. He was a true Texas gentleman. A man that can not be replaced. Rest in peace John. Best wishes and deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Brian Koehler.

Brian Koehler - November 08, 2021 at 02:37 PM

EP

“ I first met Mr. Bonewald when I turned 5 days 18 years old. He had become supervisor at building 75 two months prior to my employment. I believe I was 3 years old when John joined the institute. I recall on my 40th year anniversary here at the institute John was still here working. He was definitely a person committed to his career. I recall he used to give me advise on a personal level beyond just what was required on the job. He was a caring person on the inside. He enjoyed several hobbies like softball, fishing, and playing the guitar. He used to sing and play the guitar here for us with John Schaas and Ken A.

It was like the Andy Griffith show. He will be remember as an icon for Division 08 for his commitment to the institute. My condolences to the family.

Sincerely,
Ernest Perez

Ernest Perez - November 08, 2021 at 11:18 AM