



John Ray Brinegar

December 6, 1937 - May 11, 2026

John Ray Brinegar, 88, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2026.

Born in Hamlin, Texas, John was the son of Doyle Gould Brinegar and Pearl Walker Brinegar. After graduating from Hamlin High School in 1955, John and his wife, Jorita McElreath, moved to San Antonio. John worked in San Antonio for many years as a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

He could turn a simple conversation into an hour-long story filled with history and laughter.

John had an interest in many hobbies, including bluegrass music, old-time country music, Texas history, collectibles, classic automobiles, genealogy, and poker.

John is survived by two daughters, Debra Lynn Charlton and Terri Michele Brinegar, his grandchildren, Ashley Beth Charlton and Olivia Dobbs, and his great-grandchildren Emmaline Rose Dobbs and Harrison Dobbs.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Doyle Wayne Brinegar, sister Geneva Ann Copeland, sister Leigh Marie Mauldin, and daughter, Suzette Renee Lawrence.

A memorial service will be held on June 14th at 2:00 at Mission Burial Park South.

The family thanks everyone for their love, prayers, and support during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Upcoming Events

Memorial Celebration

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Tribute Wall



“ John was my amazing grandfather. He called me “baby” and always was excited to tell me about his favorite San Antonio restaurants, guitars, country music, poker, family history, and his ultimate favorite: smack talk! He had a great laugh and I enjoyed helping him work his vintage guitar show in 2017. We ate at many restaurants together, including Tip Top Cafe, Las Carretas Mexican Restaurant, and Sea Island Shrimp House. I will miss our phone calls and lunch dates, but will see him again someday.



Olivia Rose - 3 hours ago

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Olivia, you are so sweet! Thank you so much for the pictures and your loving comments

Terri Brinegar - 2 hours ago