



John L. Dury

August 17, 1937 - January 25, 2005

John L. Dury born August 17, 1937 went to be with the Lord on January 25, 2005 at the age of 67. He married his beloved wife, Betty Jean Mosman on February 4, 1967 in San Antonio. He was the owner and President of Dury's Gun Shop for over 45 years. He was a proud member of the NRA and the San Antonio Executive Club. He was a wonderful caring person who enjoyed making people laugh with his jokes and his many stories. He loved the outdoors especially the time he spent with his family at his Ranch Casi Nada. He had a loving heart for his four grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Betty Dury; mother, Stella Dury; sons, Johnny Dury and wife Linette, David Dury and wife Angela; grandchildren, Ashley, Courtney, John Baylor, and Briley.

Services

Visitation will be on Wednesday at 6:00 PM with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 10:00 AM at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Interment to follow at St. Joseph's Society Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Benedict's School Fund, 4535 Lord Rd., San Antonio, TX 78220.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *The obituary speaks highly of Mr Dury and while I did not have the opportunity to speak with him personally, I have high regard for his family.*

Joan Schulze - February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *God bless you and your family. My sincere condolences to the Dury family.*

Lee Stanphill - February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My mother has been taking cancer treatments at the same place Mr. Dury used to go. Both her and my father could never stop talking about nice, kind, and upbeat he always was. They were both saddened to hear of his passing. People will never forget how h*

Shawn Strey - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My heart was sadden when I heard the news of Mr. Dury's passing. My parents owned the house next door to the original gun shop on Southcross. I remember as a child Mr. Dury being a nice, caring, gentle man.*

From the Banda Family we pray for his peac

GLORIA BANDA-SALDANA - January 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My sincere condolences to your family on the loss of your loved one. Mr. Dury was a wonderful, fine man and I am very grateful for having known him.

Celia Banda Espinoza - January 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Although I did not know Mr. Dury personally I would say that he was a very kind person. I say this because of the way I was treated by his employees. I am certain that he will be missed by his family. My sincere condolences go out to the family.

John Sumner - January 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I bought my first pistol from Mr. Dury probably 30 years ago and although I was just a kid i was treated with kindness and respect. Since that first encounter Dury's has been my gunshop having bought my most recent gun there less than a year ago. I would

Charles N. Lambrecht - January 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Shaun regrets not knowing his godfather more personally, but is grateful that he was a part of his life. He will be missed.
We ask God to be with Betty and the boys and the family, to keep you all in his care.

Betty & Shaun McMurray - January 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dear Aunt Stella, Betty, and Family,
I was so saddened by the loss of John. He was a wonderful man
and always quick with a "Hi, How are ya'?", or a joke. I enjoyed the
times we went to their house and their gun shop there. I will also
cherish the memorie

Danny D. Daniels, Jr. - January 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ I was so saddened to learn of John's death. I know it was not
"unexpected", but it is always a shock. My prayers are with all of
you and the Lord is ever present in your time of trouble. "The Lord is
my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him and

Ed Love - January 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our prayers are with the Dury family. John will be sorely missed.

Joe and Pat Hill - January 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ Dear Betty and Family: John was such a wonderful and positive
person. Although he is gone now, we will all carry a little part of his
wisdom and zest for life with us for the rest of our days.

Harry A. Nass, III - January 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Dear Betty,*

I was sadden to hear about the loss of your very dear friend and loving husband. I know that he will be missed by you and many more whose lives he touched. My prayers for you and your family are that our Heavenly Father will embrace you wit

Jeanette Rodriguez - January 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Betty and Family,*

We are sad to hear of the loss of my friend,your dear husband. Catherine and I send our deepest sympathies. You and Family are in our prayers. God be with you, Kenneth & Catherine Mills

Kenneth & Catherine Mills - January 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Our condolences to the Dury family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know that Mr. Dury leaves behind a legacy in the eyes of all hunters, conservationists, and all Christians.*

*Love,
The Frank J. Gallegos Family*

Frank J. Gallegos - January 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mr. Dury will be sorely missed during our annual dove hunts. His warm nature, his kind words and most of all, his sense of humor.*

Kevin Braesicke - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Lacey, Hailey and I would like you to know we will pray for your family. Mr. Dury will truly be missed by us. He was always so cheerful and showed us so much kindness. We know he is in heaven with our Danny sharing hunting stories.

Cindy Opiela - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ May God give you peace during this difficult time. We were so blessed to know him. We'll never forget all the hogs and deer he showed up with at our house one night. John was a generous, kind, and gentle man with a heart of gold. The Southeast Side lost

Emmett & Mary Helen Krachala - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Betty and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. John will be truly missed. I will always cherish the many stories and jokes that we shared through the years. May he rest in peace.

Bert & Tonia Mazac - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dury Family, sorry I couldn't be with you at the funeral today. I think back to when John worked out of his fathers garage. I was 8 or 9 years old, watched his automatic shotgun shell loading machine working. always looked forward to visiting there. He would co

Chuck Hundley - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a good friend to ATF and to law enforcement in general. He will be sorely missed.

Greg Alvarez
Special Agent - ATF

Greg Alvarez - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Betty and Family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John's spirit lives on within each of you. He was always a bright spot in our day with his sence of humor and loving spirit. May God Bless you and your family.

Tim and Frankie McCallum - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I've known John Dury, a.k.a. "Papa" to the grandkids, for a short period of time. A better person I've never met. He was such a loving and caring person especially for his entire family. I'll miss him. I'll especially miss him because of the grandkids

Linda Boubel - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ John was a wonderful man. For many, many years he was always kind and helpful to the agents of the San Antonio office of the FBI. He was an expert in his field. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Michael Foster - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *BETTY, "LITTLE JOHN, DAVID AND FAMILY MEMBERS: It was with deep sadness that I read about "Big John". As you will recall Betty, you and I meet a couple of years ago at one of Antonian's Wild Game Dinners. Don't know how far back Dury's Gun Shop and I go b*

TEX FARNSWORTH - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Having visited the gun shop since 1981, I have known John and respected him for his knowledge, sincerity, and his jovial nature. I will miss him, as will all those that I know who also knew him. I know how difficult it is to lose someone near, but the L*

DON BRUCE - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *We would just like to let you all know that you are in our prayers and we are sorry we were unable to attend services. We thought very highly of Mr. Dury and we hope you are all doing well. God Bless.*

Mike, Brandy, and Ty Hehman - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ *Dear Johnny & Family,
We were broken hearted to hear of John's passing. I will always remember him bringing a smile to my face so many times during my years at Don Hume Leathersgoods. Anytime I made a call to the shop, I knew I would hear a few jokes bef*

Tom & Ruth Zimmerman - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *My deepest sympathy from one of your customers. It was an honor to know John and his family and employees. Greg Dome*

Gregory Dome - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *John will be missed. My sympathy and prayers go out to his family.*

Vera Howard - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WQ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, and my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you.
Sincerely,
Warren*

Warren Quiroga - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of John Dury. He was always helpful and such a happy go lucky kind of person. We will miss his cheerful nature.
God Bless.*

Donna & Billy Cude - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *There are not enough words, let alone eloquent enough words, to describe the kind of man Mr. Dury was everyday of his life. I don't believe we have ever had the pleasure of knowing anyone else quite like him. You could always count on him smiling and gree*

Bruce & Crissy Jurgajtis - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We will always have fond memories of John & Charles going to college together, hunting and repairing fire arms. Also, remembering John's success as he developed his business which started in his garage to the great sporting store he completed.
We will c

Charles & Nancy Hundley - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ John always had such a witty sense of humor, wonderful outlook of life and a great joy to be around. He has always been greatly admired and respected by us and our children, Bill and Tracy, as well as their loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with a

Al & Thora Jendrzey - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Betty, I wish to thank you and John for all the years of good friendship and many cheerful moments John had provided me on all occasions every time we met. I grieve for you and your family's great loss. May God bless you and your family and may John rest

Vernon E. Riggs - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. John was such an amazing man. He always had a kind word for everyone. I will never forget the wonderful way he treated my children when they came into the store. He is truly one of a kind and we will all miss him. God b

The David Crawford Family - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *BETTY AND FAMILY: I AM TRULY SADDENED TO HEAR OF JOHN'S PASSING. I KNOW THAT HE IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE AND ENJOYING THE HUNTING UP THERE. I CAN STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME THAT I MET HIM. I WAS JUST A YOUNG BOY OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND I NEEDED A GUN*

WALLACE WELCH - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Betty,*

I am so sorry to hear about John. I just saw him a couple of weeks ago and Dad's office and I am so glad we had some time to chat. He is an awewome man. You and the boys and all of us that have had the pleasure of knowing John are definately

Dee Dee Eastin Wollam & Family - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *John L. Dury*

Bob Livingston - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Our condolences to the Dury Family; Mr. Dury was an extremely fine gentleman and will be missed.*

George Gonzales - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Betty, Johnny and David, my deepest condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll. Ramiro & Leticia Wong*

Ramiro Wong - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Your family are in my prayers.

Linda French - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the Dury Family,

My condolences on the passing of your husband and father. May he rest in peace and may God bless all of you.

Rebecca A. Solis - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I am sadden to hear of your loss. My condolences to the family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I know your faith will bring you through this difficult time.

Bill Dawley - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ It was my pleasure to have known John and his family for the last 35 years. He was always there for me when I needed any little question answered. I will miss him. Earl Lott & Family

Earl Lott - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the entire Dury family:

My most sincere, heartfelt condolences go out to your entire family. John and your family have been in my prayers ever since I first heard the terrible news of his illness. I thank the good Lord that John was a fighter and e

Chris Mahfouz - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ God Bless You John L Dury. I will always cherish our friendship that I had with you. You will be deeply missed but I know that you are with God and having fun.
Jim Pehl

Jim Pehl - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My sincere condolences to all of the Dury family. It was an honor to have known John. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Clyde Fuller - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ John will be missed, my prayers are with the family during this time of grief. May God bless all of you.

David Corley - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about "Bubby". I'll always remember his bright smile and fun sense of humor. He set a fine example of service to his community, and I know that I am just one of many who did not know him well, but will never forget him. I send my deepest

Judy Anderson Hartmann - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. I will always remember visiting the original gun shop in the garage on Bailey street.

Keith & Wanda Daniels - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ It was a great pleasure to have known Mr. John Dury. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all. He will be missed by so many people, and always in our hearts. God be with you.

Brenda L. Speckmear & Family - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our prayers are for God's Peace for the family and John. We will miss him and his good humor dearly. No one can forget the "Do I get a box of shells with this gun? Sure said John....." One of a kind, John, he will be missed. God Bless

Danny & Donna Cifers - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My friend will be greatly missed.

Eddie Mueller - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan & Linda Waldrop - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ To the Dury Family:

*John will always live through each of you. Things are not important in this world--people are. John was a "Texas Original."
Our prayers are with each of you. May God bless you all.*

Emory & Janice Lewis - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I feel honored to have known Mr. Dury the few short years I did. He always brought a smile to me. I know the entire Dury family will miss him dearly. You will be in my daily prayers to God.

Jeff and Cat Davidson - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I will miss John. He always took time to help or to visit. He seemed to especially enjoy talking about hunting trips. I know Johnny and David and wish them well and the Dury family.

Richard Anderson - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ We will miss Bub and all of his jokes. He always had a kind heart and was full of laughter. We know he is in heaven watching over Bri-Bri, Ash Nee-Nee, Court & John Baylor and the rest of ya'll. --"Do not let your your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; tr

Steph & Dave Roberts - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CL

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Carol Lay - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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AS

“ *Betty & Family*

Those who haven't been there can not truly understand your sorrow at this time...but please remember some of us do understand & all of us deeply care. John will be truly missed.

Allen & Teter Schwarzkopf - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you all.*

Fred & Gwendolyn Aniol - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF JOHN. MAY GOD GRANT YOU'LL PEACE IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW. THE PETE BAUMANN FAMILY*

PETE BAUMANN - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Mrs. Betty Dury and family:*

I was a 1955 Central Catholic classmate of John's. I was saddened to read of his passing in the Expree-News. I haven't seen John in 50 years, but I remember his successful participation in the CCHS rifle team and ROTC. I wil

Ed Marshall - January 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM