



John D. Oliver

June 30, 1978 - May 31, 2025

John Dyer Oliver was born June 30, 1978, baptized at Trinity Baptist Church, and went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the age of 46. Born in San Antonio, Texas, John attended Robert E. Lee High School, where he formed many close friendships that lasted throughout his life. He went on to attend Baylor University and later graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio.

John was known for his warm personality, sense of humor, and big, embracing hugs. He had a gift for making people feel seen, valued, and loved, and maintained a wide circle of friendships throughout his life. To John, his close friends were extensions of his family. In turn, his boys grew up surrounded by “uncles” who were truly family in every meaningful way. It was a reflection of the love John gave so freely and the deep affection others had for him. He loved to have a good time, was never short on providing a good laugh, and was always there when you needed him.

An avid outdoorsman, John spent his childhood hunting and fishing on his family’s ranch in D’Hanis and along the Texas coast. He treasured time with his twin brother Tom and their families at Lake LBJ, casting for trout in Colorado, and sitting in a blind on cold early mornings. Nothing brought him more joy than sharing these experiences with his sons, Cam and Andrew, and watching them grow into young men who shared his love for the outdoors. He

was a devoted father and took great pride in watching his boys thrive at San Antonio Academy, cheering them on in their athletic pursuits, and encouraging them in all aspects of life.

John was also a deeply devoted husband to the love of his life, Margaret Philip Oliver. He loved and adored her completely. Together they shared 16 wonderful years of marriage—raising their boys, traveling with family, and building a strong community of friends and loved ones.

John had the privilege of working alongside his close friends at R.C. Page Construction for the past 8 years. He genuinely loved what he did and cared deeply for the people he worked with. He was also active in civic and social life and proudly served as a member of the San Antonio German Club, The Order of the Alamo, San Antonio Country Club, and The Texas Cavaliers.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret Philip Oliver, and their sons, John Cameron and Andrew Boyd Oliver. He is also survived by his father, Dr. Boyce B. Oliver and wife Carol; his mother, Betsy Simms Williams and husband John; his twin brother, Thomas Simms Oliver and wife Leslie; his sister, Caroline Brooke Oliver; his brother, William Boyce Oliver; his brother, F. Michael Wood, Jr. and wife Jodi; his sister, Elizabeth Wood Bright and husband Wes; and their mother, Barbara Wood; his father and mother-in-law, Mary and Al Philip; and his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Philip Smith and husband Marc. John adored his many nieces and nephews, including Porter and Liza Oliver, Simms and Riggins Oliver, Grace and Bear Smith, Payton and F. Michael Wood, III, and Luke and Stratton Bright. He is also survived by many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he adored and who held a special place in his heart.

Friends and Family are invited to a service celebrating John's life Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place,

San Antonio, Texas 78212.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation, the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas, or a charity of your choice.

Livestreaming Service Link:

cecsa.org/live-stream

Previous Events

Service of Remembrance

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
510 Belknap
San Antonio, TX 78212

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of John D. Oliver*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM

DS

“ *DR Oliver, I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. I still remember the twins and the rest of your crew from when they would drop by the office occasionally there at metropolitan....I forget how the years have gone by ..its hard to imagine he was a grown man with a family already. Making me remember I was pregnant with my oldest child when I was still working there for you (BBO) and the late Dr Johnson (SMJ)...which my son will soon be 32....I am sure John was a caring and heartfelt man and will be missed by all his family and friends...may God Bless you and yours with the thought that he has been given the gift of Joy that God has promised. Keep strong in your faith and your treasured memories in your heart.*

Debbie Polasek Smith - November 20, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MC

“ *What an amazing person, happy and fun to be with always. I am so grateful to have had him as a dear friend to my boys and their families. Mary Carter*

Mary Carter - June 16, 2025 at 03:07 PM

LB

“ Love, Amy, Ashley, Selwa and Brittany purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of John D. Oliver.



Love, Amy, Ashley, Selwa and Brittany - June 11, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John D. Oliver.



June 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM

BF

“ Billy & Tiffany Nelson and family purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of John D. Oliver.



Billy & Tiffany Nelson and family - June 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM

WF

“ With love, Ashley and Andrew Friedman purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of John D. Oliver.



With love, Ashley and Andrew Friedman - June 11, 2025 at 09:50 AM

LF

“ Love, the Woodbury Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John D. Oliver.



Love, the Woodbury Family - June 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

TF

“ The Pinero Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John D. Oliver.



The Pinero Family - June 10, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LC

“ Lynn, Bryan, Meredith, & Michael Clardy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John D. Oliver.



Lynn, Bryan, Meredith, & Michael Clardy - June 10, 2025 at 01:00 PM

CB

“ Crissie, Issa, and Brett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John D. Oliver.



Crissie, Issa, and Brett - June 10, 2025 at 10:47 AM

LB

“ Love, Betty and Bonnie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John D. Oliver.



Love, Betty and Bonnie - June 10, 2025 at 12:08 AM

PH

“ John was a wonderful friend from middle school through high school. My heartfelt condolences go out to him and his family during this difficult time.... He embodied the values of honesty and integrity, often approaching problems with a straightforward and righteous mindset. His character was truly admirable.

May God bless his family with comfort & strength, and may they find solace in the words of Scripture: "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him" (Psalm 127:3). John's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Philip - June 09, 2025 at 04:16 AM

CP

“ Dearest Margaret, Cameron and Andrew,
May his memory be eternal. God will guide you with His grace.
My heart breaks for you, but be strong and carry on.
I love you dearly.
Cynthia

Cynthia Tassos Phillips - June 06, 2025 at 06:36 PM

SG

“ My heart breaks to hear this sad news. I knew John through Margaret who I worked with years ago. My husband and I were at their wedding! Ray and I extend our sympathy to Margaret and her sons as well as John's family.
Susan and Raymond Gardner

Susan Gardner - June 06, 2025 at 02:48 PM

GL

“ John was an amazing father, son, brother and husband. His loss will be felt by many. We had the pleasure of knowing John for over 2 decades and watched him grow into the wonderful man his friends and family adored and loved. Rest peacefully John and in Baylor tradition...Sic `Em Bears!! Sending comfort, peace & love, Craig & Gina Liljestrand



Gina Liljestrand - June 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CO

“ Carl Olson purchased the Divine Light for the family of John D. Oliver.



Carl Olson - June 04, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RS

“ *Condolences to the family... John was a wonderful man. Jovial, upbeat, energetic, and always smiling. He will be missed by so many.*

Robert Shaw - June 04, 2025 at 02:14 PM