



John Calvin Staewen

July 4, 1926 - July 31, 2021

John Staewen, beloved father, passed away at home, surrounded by family on July 31, 2021 at the age of 95. Born on the 4th of July in San Antonio, Texas, he attended Fox Tech High School, where he met the love of his life, Gloria Patricia Griffin. They would have been married seventy-one years on June 10, 2021. The cornerstone of his life was that of service. John selflessly served his family, his church and his community.

The youngest son of German and Austrian immigrants, John was a resident of Balcones Heights since 1960, where he cleared the land and built his home. He served the young developing city of Balcones Heights as a councilman for several terms from 1968 to 1974, 1974 to 1978, and 1978 to 1979. During his tenure with the City he and his fellow council members implemented significant improvements to include the building of a new fire station and the construction of a new city hall.

John was a member of the Balcones Heights Lions Club for many years, serving as President from 1970 to 1971, and as Regional Chairman from 1971 to 1972

As a young man in the 50s, John apprenticed with the builder, Mr. Busby, honing his skills as they built many homes in Terrell Hills, Alamo Heights, and Olmos Park. John formed his own business, John Staewen, General Contractor, in the 60s and went on to build many beautiful homes in San Antonio.

John and his wife, Gloria were among the founding families of St. Paul's

Catholic Church, where he served as an usher at the church for many years. His wife, Gloria Griffin Staewen, his father, William Hugo Staewen, mother, Theresa Lengauer Staewen, brothers, William Christian Staewen, Christian Adolph Staewen, Robert Almer Staewen, sons-in-law James Marraro, Robert Farmer, and great-grandson, Augustus Carrasquillo preceded him in death. John is survived by his, five daughters, Sharon Beyer (husband, Daniel), Susan Farmer, Shelley Hendry, Shirley Poulos (husband, Deno), Sheila Marraro, twenty-one grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren. John was a humble and kind man, who loved God, his family and his fellow man. Though he had five daughters, he was a father figure and a mentor to many.

Visitation will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 350 Sutton Dr., on Wednesday, August 18th, at 5:30 p.m. with recitation of the rosary at 6:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be August 19th at St. Paul's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South Cemetery 1700 S.E. Military Drive.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
350 Sutton Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78228

Rosary

AUG 18. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ As I begin to write this, words seem so inadequate to tell of all the greatness of this man, my father, so I will share a personal moment with you that was brief but will stay with me a lifetime. The day I got married my dad and I were in the back of the church getting ready for him to walk me down the aisle, and he looked at me and said, "is everything ok, are you ok?", I looked at him and said, "dad I'm fine, Im just scared I'm going to fall." he grabbed my arm wrapped it around his tightly and said "honey, don't worry I will NEVER let you fall." That pretty much sums up my relationship with my dad, our relationship as family and my sisters, dad was always there to catch us! Dad taught my sisters and I many life lessons, and all without saying a word, he truly lived a life of Integrity, character, and deep convictions, loving the Lord with all his heart, and all we had to do was simply watch and follow. The love and respect our entire family has for this man is immeasurable, and is as deep as the ocean, as I said earlier words are inadequate!!
I love you dad and will miss you all the days of my life!
Your loving daughter,
Shirley
AKA "Blessing"

Shirley Staewen Poulos - August 15, 2021 at 02:58 PM

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“ Let all who view this page and read this post know that a great void exists in San Antonio.

A legendary man among men who left his mark on all who came into contact with him has passed over to the next life. His time here was worth more than all the gold in existence. To myself, he was a tower of integrity and sacrifice. John never complained once that I can ever recall. He taught me how to live with honor by just being my boss. I am his grandson but I was also his friend. My life here now is a dim reflection of all that he stood for. I am truly honored that God would allow me to share a room with a person like John C Staewen. I now grieve with all who knew him as a friend, mentor, leader, father, grandfather, and father in law. For him, though, his pain has ended and the final life has begun. For that I am grateful.

Brandyn Beyer - August 14, 2021 at 04:13 PM