



John Henson Underwood

February 20, 1932 - February 1, 2022

John Henson Underwood went to be with the Lord the morning of February 1, 2022, in San Antonio, TX, just shy of his 90th birthday.

John was born on February 20, 1932, in Chattanooga, TN to Thomas Ralston and Wilma Belle Underwood. He graduated from Central High School, where he was a member of the ROTC Firing Squad and the cheer team. It was at Central High School that John met Joyce Marie Myhan, who would later become his wife. They married on May 11, 1957, and spent 61 wonderful years together before Joyce passed away in 2018.

John joined the US Army and later the US Air Force. He served his country for 22 years before retiring. For jump school, he trained with the 101st Airborne division at Fort Campbell, KY. Parachuting out of planes was one of the most exciting experiences for him, and he continued to jump occasionally after retirement for a total of 127 jumps. His career in the Air Force took him to many countries around the world to include the Aleutian Islands, Newfoundland, Greenland, Turkey, Greece, and Taiwan. Some of his stateside assignments were in Kansas, Kentucky and Texas. He retired from Lackland AFB in San Antonio, and made San Antonio his home.

John's second career was with Allstate Insurance, where he worked as a sales agent for over 20 years. He was a hard worker and enjoyed assisting his customers. He retired from Allstate at the same time as Joyce retired from her position at the school district. During retirement, they took trips to Tennessee and to visit their children and grandchildren. John thrived on working around

the house and yard and took great pride in maintaining their home. He enjoyed watching sports, his favorite teams being the Dallas Cowboys and the San Antonio Spurs.

John was a person who found joy in giving. He was affectionately known as the "donut man" to those who worked at Wellmed and Firestone. He and Joyce gave birthday cards with a couple dollars in them to the children on their street. He was known to buy diapers in the grocery store for young mothers. John also gave of his time to his community and his church. He worked many hours helping to maintain the High Country neighborhood clubhouse, and voluntarily mowed the church yard at Madison Hills Baptist Church where he and Joyce were members for over 40 years. He was a loving father and husband who enjoyed helping his family. He also enjoyed surprising Joyce with little gifts of flowers, bears or jewelry for just about every holiday one could think of.

John is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and by his sister, Louise Lee. He is survived by his children Larry Underwood (Katherine), Lynne Buckley (Gary), and Lisa Santos (Rudy); Grandchildren David Underwood; Christine Milliken; Joseph and Michael Banda; Brittney, Amanda, Evan and Ben Allen; Mark and Rachel Buckley; Amanda Sonnen and Jacob Santos; 13 great-grandchildren; numerous other family members and a lifetime of friends. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 11:00am, with funeral Service at 12:00PM at Madison Hills Baptist Church.

A private interment will be held by the family at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Air Force Aid Society, or the Fisher House Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Madison Hills Baptist Church
15413 O'Connor Rd
San Antonio, TX 78247

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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15413 O'Connor Rd
San Antonio, TX 78247

Interment

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Henson Underwood.*



February 10, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of John Henson Underwood.*



February 08, 2022 at 03:40 PM



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Lynne Buckley - February 08, 2022 at 02:20 PM

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“ John was our insurance man for several years. One day I was at the gym working out and I noticed John on one of the machines. He looked different but with a closer look I said "Oh my goodness, you're John Underwood with Allstate"! The same people usually came early to the gym and there was John with the rest of the folks. A few months later, we visited Madison Hills Baptist Church and there was John! We got to know John a little better than just our insurance man. Such a sweet and gentle man. I pray for his family, the grandchildren, for the Lord's peace and comfort. May He always be close to each of you. Much Love, Maria Banks

Maria Banks - February 08, 2022 at 01:27 AM

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“ I remember working with John at the High Country clubhouse. He worked on cleaning up the men's toilet while I was replacing the kitchen faucet. He was always a strong supporter of the Association both financially and physically. Many days He would join us in the garden to help maintain it. We miss you John. May God bless and keep you 🙏

Donald E Macaulay - February 05, 2022 at 02:31 PM

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“ From, Bart Buttles & the Central Region purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Henson Underwood.



From, Bart Buttles & the Central Region - February 04, 2022 at 01:42 PM

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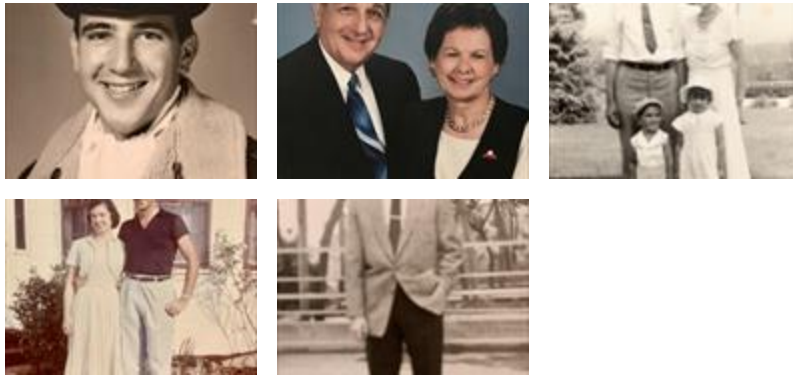
“ Many fun memories of Birch Valley Drive get together with the Underwoods! It was Mr. Underwood that when coming through the line at my wedding handed me a paper with the EXACT time we were pronounced husband and wife (I have that scrap of paper to this day in my wedding album). To Larry, Lynne and Lisa my thoughts and prayers are with you and your children and the great grandchildren as you lay to rest your Dad. Rest easy Mr. Underwood-you have earned it! Good - bye.....for now



Kerrie Gaddis Adams - February 03, 2022 at 05:28 PM

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Lynne Buckley - February 03, 2022 at 03:50 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 03, 2022 at 02:04 PM