



## John B. Wolters

September 5, 1955 - March 19, 2023

John B. Wolters of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on March 19, 2023, at the age of 67. John was born on September 5, 1955, and after growing up in small town Illinois, at age 12 he and his family moved to Fairfax, Virginia. He graduated from High School in Fairfax in 1973 and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in July of that year. As a Cadet, John earned the respect of his classmates and was known for his devoted working habits and involvement in numerous volunteer positions with the Scuba Club, Spanish Club, and Class Committee, among others.

He graduated from West Point in June 1977 and was commissioned in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. After continued training at Fort Sill, his first assignment was in Panama. Upon returning to the United States, he went to Fort Polk where he commanded a battery. But most importantly, that was where he met his future bride, Cheryl. They were married on May 26, 1984. John continued his military career with assignments at Fort Bragg, two additional tours in Panama, Fort Campbell, Fort Leavenworth, schooling at Norfolk, serving as a Foreign Area Officer at the United States Embassy in Santiago, Chile, and finally a posting to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He retired from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in January 2001 with over 23 years of service. Following his military retirement, John worked for the city of San Antonio and rose to become the Assistant Director for Capitol Programs for the city. He retired from his city position in November

2017.

John loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed scuba diving, swimming, and cycling. Most of all he loved his family. He will be greatly missed by all.

John is survived by his immediate family to include his wife, Cheryl, of San Antonio; his daughter Caroline (Brent) Smarinsky and grandchildren Blair and Connor, of Dallas; and his son Jack (Alexa) Wolters and grandson Rowan, of Dallas. He is also survived by his sister Beth (Paul) Hecimovich and family.

A memorial service at Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio, is being planned and will be announced shortly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the 'West Point Class of 1977 50th Reunion Gift' are preferred. Donations can be made at [www.westpointaog.org/giveto77](http://www.westpointaog.org/giveto77). Be sure to check in the box that this gift is in memory of John Wolters.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Concordia Lutheran Church  
16801 Huebner Road  
San Antonio, TX 78258

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Well, this is weird. I was just noodling around on the Internet and something led me to Google my old battery commander and that led me to this obituary.

*I served under Captain Wolters in A Battery 3rd Battalion 21st Field Artillery in the Fifth Infantry Division at Fort Polk, La., in 1981-82. He was a good officer and I respected him and I think that respect was returned. He and his XO contributed to the high regard I came to have for West Pointers.*

*God grant him rest and grant comfort to his family..*

*Michael F. Kennedy  
Roanoke VA*

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**Michael Kennedy** - July 09, 2023 at 02:16 PM

CC

“ I worked with John for over 10+ years at the City of San Antonio and had a deep respect for him. He was straight forward kind of guy no sugar coating. I can't believe he is gone but he left me with a lot of fond memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Till then my friend until we meet again. My condolences to his family. You are in my prayers. May the Lord give you strength during this time.

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**Christina De La Cruz** - April 17, 2023 at 02:14 PM

DE

“ I can't believe he has gone so quickly. All my love to you and the family cousin

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**Debby** - April 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

TC

“ *Fond memories of serving with John in the Panama Canal Zone, and of friendship with John and Cheryl in all the years since then. It has been my privilege to have had this most decent and honorable person as my friend and classmate. Well done, John. Be thou at peace. My prayers to Cher and the family. Terry Carr*



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**Terry Carr** - April 14, 2023 at 01:08 PM

RG

“ *The San Antonio Trailblazers Miss You John!!! Many great rides!  
Robin*

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**Robin s Getter** - April 13, 2023 at 08:28 PM

JS

“ *Remembering our Colorado Cycling Tour and all the good memories of cycling with John, a kind, funny, and smart man. He will be missed! Prayers to Cheryl and her entire family during this difficult time. Hugs, Jen & Jim Shank*



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**Jenny Shank** - April 07, 2023 at 06:45 PM

KW

“ *In cycling, it is said that you should know the wheel you draft. It is my good fortune to have known John and to have been able to draft his wheel from time to time. ♡♡*



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**Kelly Woodcock** - April 07, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Mike and I will miss him so much - but we want Cheryl to continue to be a part of our adventures.*

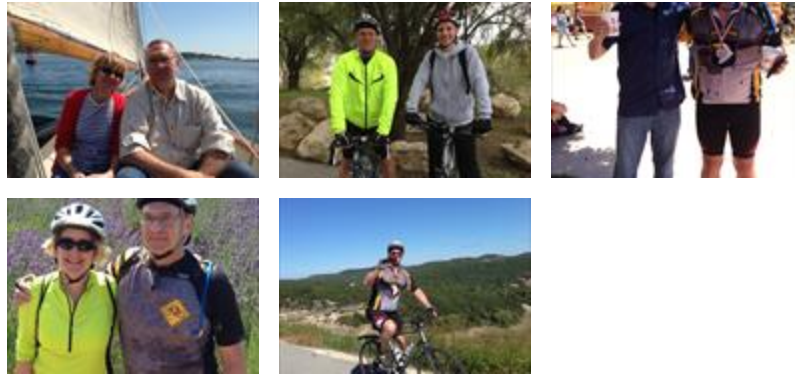


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**Sonia Chritton** - April 07, 2023 at 02:56 PM

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“ *The Izquierdo family has been fortunate to know the Wolters family and share many gatherings and adventures. John will live on in the memories we have created through the years.* ”



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**Darryl Izquierdo** - April 06, 2023 at 12:12 PM

LL

“ *John had a great sense of mid-western humor and worked hard to wrangle answers to any pending issues on City projects. He was an asset to the Team and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.* ”

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**LeAnn Lindquist-Thome** - April 04, 2023 at 12:28 PM

SK

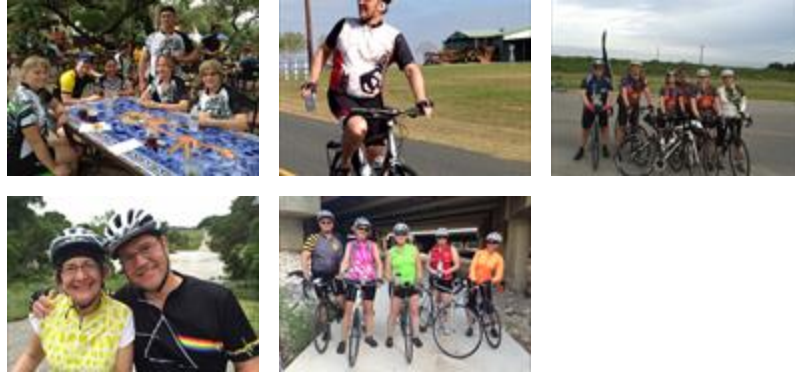
“ *We have such wonderful memories of cycling with John! We had such fun! We will miss him out on the trails!* ”

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**Scott And Deb Koehler** - March 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM

SK

“ We have such great memories of cycling with John! We will miss the laughter and fun of those times with him.



Scott and Deb Koehler - March 30, 2023 at 10:40 PM

NI

“ My deepest condolences to the Wolters Family. I worked with John in the Public Works Department for a little over two years. He was dedicated to ensuring we all did our best for the citizens of San Antonio. He will be missed. Nicole Fowles

Nicole - March 30, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CO

“ John gave 100% to everything he did. Military, cycling, and family are a few examples. I will miss John and his deep thinking gentle demeanor.

**AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY !**



Charlie Ochoa - March 29, 2023 at 08:25 PM

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“ *Linda Roberts lit a candle in memory of John B. Wolters*



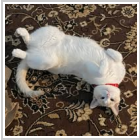
Linda Roberts - March 29, 2023 at 07:11 PM

BH

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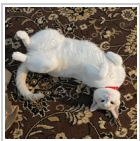
Beth Hecimovich - March 29, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Cathy Bump*

Cathy Bump - March 28, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Cathy Bump lit a candle in memory of John B. Wolters*



Cathy Bump - March 28, 2023 at 11:21 AM