



John W. Harvill

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John W. Harvill, born June 28, 1949 in Bakersfield, CA, passed away at home in Folsom, LA on March, 16, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Grace Harvill, and his brother, Michael Harvill. John is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Jean Reese Harvill, mother-in-law Lorelle L. Reese, sisters-in-law Colleen Harvill and Christine Crist (Bob), Bob's sons BJ Crist (Katie) and Brett Crist (Sophie Warden), brothers-in-law Bill Reese and David Reese, five cherished nephews: Lee Proctor (Allison), Jacob Reese, Reese Proctor (Sara Zegelbone), Billy Reese (Lauren), and Zachary Reese, numerous other relatives, and by his beloved basset hound companions Cooper, Bennett, and Gracie.

John was a blue-eyed California boy who graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. After graduation, he began his career in the Middle East before returning to the United States and going to work for Atlantic Richfield in Lafayette, LA. He later moved to New Orleans where he began work with Eagle Consulting as a drilling engineer consultant. He officially retired from the oil field on January 31, 2015.

John was a true Renaissance man who traveled the world. In addition to being a mentor to many in the oil field, he was a talented artist with passions including glassblowing, woodworking, and drawing. He loved the outdoors, gardening, enjoyed sailing, and was always searching for the next perfect beach. He drank Starbucks coffee with friends each morning, was an avid wine connoisseur, and enjoyed the produce from his organic garden and orchard. He was very compassionate to animals and never hesitated to provide financial support for animals in need. He especially loved basset hounds and was a major fundraiser and financial backer of Looziana Basset Rescue, Inc.

Special thanks go to the extraordinary caregivers who were there with John in the final weeks of his life: Tiffany Bullard, Richard Gaumer, Hailey Gill, Louise Harrison, Anne Jenkins, and Simarone Magee.



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A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433. Visiting hours are 9:00-11:00 AM followed by the service at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following organizations: 1) Looziana Basset Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 642, Folsom, LA 70437 or via www.loozianabassetrescue.org or 2) Glioblastoma Brain Tumor Research Fund, in memory of John Harvill, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

Share a memory on the tribute wall at ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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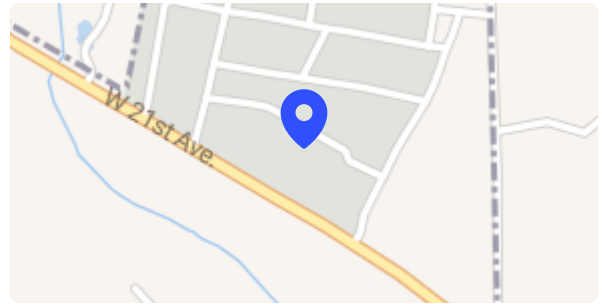
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, March 23, 2016

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

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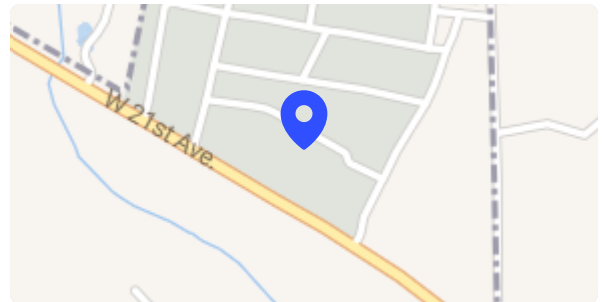
Memorial Services

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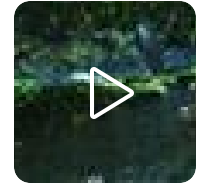
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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



March 21 at 7:16 AM



Kristie Boudreaux lit a candle in honor of John.

John was a wonderful person that I had the privilege of working with. His smile, his laughter and his uplifting spirit was a breath of fresh air. I am so very sorry to hear about your loss Jean. God has another angel in his arms. God Bless, Kristie Boudreaux



May 25 at 6:31 AM



Julie Myers And Richard Gaumer posted:

Mrs. Jean, I want to express my sincere condolences to you during this time. Even though I only met you and Mr. John once, I feel I got to know Mr. John through Richard. He was a very special person. We both are saddened by the passing of Mr. John. Thank you and Mr. John for showing us your kindness and love. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both.

March 22 at 5:56 AM



Outfitter Advisors- David, Mike, Ben, And Lexy sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Harvill family.



March 22 at 3:46 AM



Bill, Shiela, Billy, Lauren And Clayton sent a Summer's Light Bouquet to the Harvill family.



March 21 at 11:27 AM



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BR

Bill Reese posted:

This has not truly registered in my mind yet. John has always been a part of our family and this wound will be hard to heal. Rest in peace John.

March 21 at 10:16 AM

TF

The Szold And The Bohnert Families sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Harvill family.



March 21 at 9:50 AM

MH

Minnie Hemphill posted:

Jean, I am so sorry to read of your loss. May your many precious memories bring you solace. Throw all of your anxiety on the God of loyal love moving through this time of bereavement.

March 21 at 8:05 AM

SK

Sue Knight posted:

Dear Jean: Due to the fact our families lived miles apart, I never spent a lot of time with John growing up. I only met you in February 2009 but feel I have known you a very long time through your mother-in-law and my Aunt Gracie. You have my heartfelt sympathy. I understand your pain as you grieve the loss of John. You are a very strong person and hold on to all the loving memories you have of your life spent with John. Love from the Knight families.

March 20 at 3:21 PM

LO

Louis Ogle posted:

Dear Jean, Lorelle, and family: You are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the death of John. Though I know him only through you and some of his friends, I feel his love and compassion for all of God's people and creation. He was a "ministry of presence" to all who knew him. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him". Love and Peace, Louis Ogle.

March 19 at 3:08 AM



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PD

Philip Marin Denman sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Harvill family.



March 18 at 4:44 PM

JN

John Naphan posted:

John, many great memories. Besides elephants I am sure you will be greeted by a huge crowd of happy Bassets. I'll see you there some day. John Naphan

March 18 at 8:08 AM

MM

Michelle Montegut posted:

Dearest John, I hope there were lots of baby elephants to welcome you at heaven's door. You have made such a difference in this world for so many creatures incapable of helping themselves. Your gentleness and kindness will be missed, but the memory of you will always bring warmth to my heart. Love you, Michelle Montegut

March 18 at 6:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Harvill family.



March 18 at 6:05 AM

BV

Bois D'arc Exploration..Greg, Bill, Kerry, Gary & Vera sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Harvill family.



March 18 at 6:02 AM

JB

Joe Bill Butler posted:

You were a very good friend John, we'll miss you so much

March 18 at 5:07 AM



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Tom Rollinson posted:

John was a brother to me - I have no idea how I will fill the void that his death leaves in my life. I know that he is in a better place and reunited with those who have gone before him.

March 17 at 7:28 PM



Dan Mcknight March 23 at 5:21 AM

My condolences to John's family and friends at this time of sorrow. John lived a wonderful life and will certainly be missed. I always enjoyed conversing and working with John over the years. He was a great help to me personally and to Helis Oil & Gas Company in performing our well drilling and completion projects here in Louisiana. A joyful, intelligent, fun, friendly, beautiful man. Regards, Dan McKnight Helis Oil & Gas Company



Steward Bertrand March 18 at 5:54 AM

Oh my dear old friend, John, I shall never forget our special times together with Fred Hill and with your loved one Jean! Although we weren't so close since you moved to Covington, you were always in my heart, as you will always be ...I LOVE you John, and May God rest your dear soul!



Media

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March 21 at 7:16 AM



Jamie Conrad June 4 at 7:30 PM

Jean, I am so distressed to learn of John's passing. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met and such a joy to work with at Eagle. I use to love taking care of his orchids every Friday afternoon. He will be missed by so many as you know. I always thought that you two were the perfect couple. May he rest in peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jamie Conrad June 5, 2016



Richard Gaumer March 24 at 4:00 AM

Very touching video. it truly shows the truest form of John w Harvill. And to the family it was the greats honor to be a part of there lives as well. Thanks for the memorise. Richard & Julie GAUMER



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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