



John Joseph Coad

January 28, 1929 - July 21, 2017

John Joseph Coad, 88, of El Campo, formally of Houston passed away on July 21, 2017. He was born on January 28, 1929 in Sioux City, Iowa and raised in Connecticut by his parents Michael and Dorothy Logue Coad and his older sister Darlene Caron. He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in hotel administration. After graduation, he worked in Switzerland in hotel management and traveled throughout Europe. Upon returning to the U.S., he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and attended officer training school in San Antonio. While in San Antonio, he met the love of his life, Leona Mach, on a blind date. They married in El Campo on January 2, 1954. They were blessed with one daughter and 4 sons. After a few years of farming in El Campo, his father-in-law convinced him he was more of a city boy than a farmer. John's entrepreneurial spirit led him to move his family to Houston and form his own real estate firm, Memorial Realty in 1965. It became one of the largest independently owned real estate firms in Houston at that time. He was an active member of the Houston Association of Realtors and had been on the board of directors.

John was a passionate family man and loved spending time camping, hunting, fishing, and traveling with family and friends. He also enjoyed gardening growing tomatoes, cucumbers, and potatoes and trying to outwit the wild rabbits which he lost to quite a few times. He enjoyed swimming and mastering the game of billiards. He loved teaching his children and

grandchildren to play strategically until they started winning and had to stop. They however still retain the skill today.

John loved his duck Smartie and his dog Radar, which he had a Radar I and Radar II. They followed him everywhere they could all in a row - John, Radar, then Smartie.

He also enjoyed entertaining, hosting events at his home and making people laugh. He was a fantastic joke teller, and always had a joke to tell. He had a great repertoire but sometimes we would hear a repetitive joke, but he had a way to make it as funny as the first time you heard it.

John was a member of the Knights of Columbus and an usher at his parish, St. John Vianney in Houston for several years. John was married for 63 years to Leona and to his end, he still was concerned if Leona had a place to stay and was taken care of.

His legacy lives on through his wife, Leona Mach Coad of El Campo; daughter, Debra Fisher and husband Steve of Houston; sons, Craig Coad of Coeur d'Alene, ID, Stephen Coad and wife Tomalee and Mark Coad and wife Ana of Houston and David Coad of Crockett; grandchildren, Noah Coad of Seattle, WA, Sarah Coad of Springfield, MO, Hannah Coad of Boise, ID, Josiah and Elijah Coad of Coeur d'Alene, ID, Matthew Fisher of Houston, Laura Fisher of Baltimore, MD, Karen Fisher of Venice, CA, Kevin Coad of Houston, Brenda (Coad) Grothe of Chicago, IL, Adam, Molly and Katie Coad of Houston and Alyssa Coad of Crockett; great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Danielle and William Coad and Sophia and Preston Carr.

John was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

Visitation begins 1 p.m. Monday, July 24 at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass begins 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25 at St. Philip Catholic Church with Rev. Gabriel Oduro Tawiah. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Craig Coad, Stephen Coad, Mark Coad, David Coad, Kevin Coad and Matthew Coad.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Philip Catholic School or donor's choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Rosary

JUL 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
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Funeral Mass

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Tribute Wall

FF

“ *John Coad Family*
I just learned of Johns passing.
What a Great Guy and friend. Went fishing with him and I am a fellow Realtor.
I also remember the great receptions for HAR at your home.
So sorry for your loss.
Bless your family.

Frank Fitzgerald

Frank Fitzgerald - July 29, 2017 at 01:38 PM

SY

“ *To the Coad Family,*

My sincerest condolences on John's passing. I knew Him for over forty years and always admired his character, humility, and love for his family. I regret not learning of this until this morning and was unable to attend the funeral.

You are all in my prayers.

Respectfully,
Sam Young

sam young - July 25, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JL

“ Leona,

Susie and I were saddened to hear of the passing of John. He was a person that we admired and respected as a businessman but even more so as a wonderful and caring human being. I remember well having John as our guest for a fishing weekend at our home in Port 'Connor. He dearly loved fishing and telling a good joke as much as anyone I have ever known.

But, more than anything he loved you and your marvelous family. Unfortunately, we did not learn of his death until this morning and this made it an impossibility of being present for his service.

We, who knew him were indeed fortunate to have him as a friend and colleague. R. I. P.

Susie and Julio Laguarta

Julio Laguarta - July 25, 2017 at 11:20 AM

TT

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Father, may he rest in peace.



The Townsends - July 25, 2017 at 10:40 AM

PS

“ Leona and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. John was a dear friend and family in the real estate industry. He will be greatly missed. Penny Salter

Penny Salter - July 25, 2017 at 08:13 AM

FF

“ From : *Bob Hale and the HAR Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



From : **Bob Hale and the HAR Family** - July 24, 2017 at 06:09 PM

EM

“ *Essmarie Morris purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



Essmarie Morris - July 24, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



July 24, 2017 at 02:39 PM



Sheldon
Holub

“ *Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Coad*



Sheldon Holub - July 24, 2017 at 07:57 AM

TH

“ *The Dodds, The Loyds, The Hartsells purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



The Dodds, The Loyds, The Hartsells - July 23, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



July 23, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RT

“ *Renee Tuggle lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Coad*



Renee Tuggle - July 23, 2017 at 12:17 PM

RT

To Leona and family. I was saddened to hear the news of Jack's passing today. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have such great memories of all us snow skiing in Red River. May you find comfort in the memories you all shared together. Hugs and love, Renee.

Renee Tuggle - July 23, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joseph Coad.*



July 22, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Coad*



Elaine Cook - July 22, 2017 at 04:16 PM



Leona & Family; We were sad to hear the news of Jack's passing. I will be sure to tell my children. You have so many memories to remember him by. May he Rest in Peace. Elaine and Chuck Cook

Elaine Cook - July 22, 2017 at 04:18 PM



*I was fortunate enough to have worked for John for many years at Memorial Realty. He was a wonderful man and left a great legacy for his family, the community and the Houston real estate world. My sincere sympathy, love and prayers are with you, Leona, and all the family. Whenever anyone asked me about John, I never failed to include my feelings about what a wonderful family had. He will be missed by many.
Shirley Asel*

Shirley Asel - July 25, 2017 at 01:55 PM