



John Kent Petty

March 17, 1958 - May 3, 2024

John Kent Petty, 66, of El Campo, received his wings on May 3, 2024. John was born on March 17, 1958 in El Campo to Jack and Rosemary Petty. He was the oldest of two children that grew up in the family home on South Street. John graduated from El Campo High School in 1977 where he played football, and baseball as well as ran track. Upon graduation, he attended Southwest Texas State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in finance in 1981. While attending college in San Marcus John was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and enjoyed many days on the river hanging out with friends and performing underwater shows at Aquarena Springs as Glurpo the Clown and his swimming pig. After graduating, John moved back to his hometown, and was a real estate broker for over three decades.

Although John was born and raised in El Campo, he was known in counties far and wide. To say John never knew a stranger is an understatement. He loved being involved in his community and giving back. He was a member of Rotary Club of El Campo, Elks Lodge, and served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club. He dedicated many hours to CASA to help children in need.

He spent many years partying with his best friends and enjoyed many hunting seasons with them. He loved trips to the bay with friends and always had a smile on his face. While John loved his friends and considered them family,

his biggest joy was his daughter, Hannah. Together they enjoyed watching the Ricebirds and Texas Aggies play football as well as hunting and riding horses.

Although John's career was in real estate, his passion was being a cowboy, something he loved ever since he was a child. He loved his horses and loved taking care of his cows, and would even name his favorite ones. He loved all animals, most especially his dogs Max and Jessie.

He will be remembered for his laugh and magnetic personality. He lived fully, he was loved by many, and he will be missed by all.

John especially loved the women in his life: daughters Hannah and Kelly, fiancé Ginger, mother Rosemary, and sister Maryann. He is survived by daughters Hannah and Kelly, fiancé Ginger, sister Maryann, sons-in-law Connor and Bear, brother-in-law Paul, niece Rachel, and nephew Zack as well as his cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents Jack and Rosemary Petty, his grandparents Ike and Fern Christenberry, uncles and aunts, Nancy and Parke Christenberry, Ted and Shirley Lutringer, and Oneal Murray.

Memorial services will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at First Presbyterian Church in El Campo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the John Petty Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to the El Campo Academic Booster Club, PO Box 1515 El Campo, TX 77437. Please reference "John Petty Memorial" in the memo.

Let's all celebrate the man, the myth, the legend; John Petty!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **14**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

SS

“ John and I were 3rd grade Students at Louise Hutchins Elementary. His dad was the Principal, a tough no-nonsense "fort holder." John played in Little League baseball. Unfortunately, my parents moved me (after 5th grade) and other siblings out of El Campo, Summer 1970, to Fort Bend County (Sugar Land), to be closer to more employment income. [My Dad Louis sold Life Insurance in Wharton and surrounding Counties. Mom Tina died in Feb. 2024 at age 90.] Now a senior, was hoping to meet up with John, possibly use his services in moving back to El Campo. But his former business partner Daniel Zalman told me he has passed, so I'm paying my respects.



Steve Spacek - December 02, 2024 at 03:44 PM

GB

“ I did not know John passed! He was a great guy. I am so sorry!

Greg Baumgartner - November 01, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Kelly Socha lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



Kelly Socha - June 06, 2024 at 03:56 AM

IL

“ *Imelda Loos lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



Imelda Loos - May 23, 2024 at 12:58 PM

EF

“ *Evelyn Forbis lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



Evelyn Forbis - May 18, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JP

“ *Joe Perez*



Joe Perez - May 16, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JP

Lit a candle in memory of John.

Joe Perez - May 16, 2024 at 09:52 AM

MS

“ *Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



Martin Strarup - May 16, 2024 at 08:40 AM

MB

“ *Monica & Tommy Bram lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



Monica & Tommy Bram - May 14, 2024 at 04:49 PM

MA

“ *Hannah and Ginger, Mary and I were devastated when we heard about John's death. It is hard to believe that he is gone. He was one of the first people we met when we moved to El Campo in 2011 and has been a friend ever since. He introduced us to people we should know in El Campo, sponsored me in Rotary, found the ideal homestead for us, and many other things, only a good friend would think of. He would include us in the partying, hunting and fishing. We got to know his mom and Hannah and got to watch Hannah grow up to be the beautiful young lady she has become. We loved him and will miss him. ❤️ Mack and Mary*

Mack & Mary Anderson - May 14, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Kent Petty.



May 13, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Love, Kreg & Tammy McCall & boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Kent Petty.

Love, Kreg & Tammy McCall & boys - May 13, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Dianna McDermott and Marti Arbuckle purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John Kent Petty.



Dianna McDermott and Marti Arbuckle - May 12, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



Linda Kram - May 12, 2024 at 01:00 AM

LK

Sending prayers for the family and friends ! 🙏❤️🙏

Linda Kram - May 12, 2024 at 01:01 AM

KO

“ Kelly B. Oates



Kelly Oates - May 11, 2024 at 11:59 AM

E1

“ ECHS Class 1968 lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



ECHS Class 1968 - May 11, 2024 at 12:16 AM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



Cindy Riha - May 11, 2024 at 12:05 AM

KA

“ *Kathrynkrpec lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



kathrynkrpec - May 10, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ *Janice Berkovsky lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



janice Berkovsky - May 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *My heart breaks for all of you. You're all in my prayers. May God comfort you in your time of grief.*

Colleen Zupec - May 10, 2024 at 03:22 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



Shirley Popp - May 10, 2024 at 12:14 PM

CL

“ *CLIFF lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty*



CLIFF - May 10, 2024 at 11:20 AM

CL

The Petty family was our neighbor and friends growing up in the 60s on South Street and Avenue K. These memories will always hold a special place in my heart. Prayers for Maryann and family. Rest In Peace, John.

CLIFF - May 10, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RK

“ *Maryann,
My deepest condolences for your loss. Although my time as part of the family was long ago, I haven't forgotten the bond the two of you shared.
In sympathy, Robin Roy Klement*

Robin Roy Klement - May 10, 2024 at 09:56 AM

SC

“ *Our Condolences*



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - May 10, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to John’s family and friends.
May God comfort you and give you strength.
May he rest in peace.*



Cindy Wigginton Witcher - May 10, 2024 at 09:36 AM

PM

“ *Maryann—John will be missed by the whole Montello family. He
was a good and helpful man. Sending prayers. Patti and Greg*

Patti Montello - May 10, 2024 at 09:28 AM

VH

“ *Vickie Holub lit a candle in memory of John
Kent Petty*



Vickie Holub - May 10, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ *Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of
John Kent Petty*



Julie Strnadel - May 09, 2024 at 10:24 PM

DB

“ My condolences to the Petty family and all those that loved him. He was a good man and will be greatly missed.



Dawn Bartosh - May 09, 2024 at 08:08 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family at this difficult time.



Andrea McCann - May 09, 2024 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



David & Charlene Smith - May 09, 2024 at 06:01 PM

SB

“ Sharla Balcar lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



Sharla Balcar - May 09, 2024 at 05:58 PM

KA

“ Kari lit a candle in memory of John Kent Petty



Kari - May 09, 2024 at 05:16 PM

DM

Condolences to his family. So sorry for your loss. He was a good man and human being.

Dolores Matula - May 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM