John Leonard Berry

September 5, 1934 - January 6, 2025

John Leonard Berry, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2025, at the age of 90. Born September 5, 1934, to Willie David and Ima Berry, John lived a life marked by generosity, love, and a deep passion for the simple joys of life.

A proud Texan, John earned his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in accounting. His dedication to education and personal growth were cornerstones of his character.

On December 6, 1964, John married the love of his life, Sandra Jo Morris, and together they shared nearly six decades of a marriage filled with love, laughter, and shared dreams. They created a legacy of kindness and family that will endure for generations.

John dedicated 30 years of his career to TU Electric, where he was known for his hard work and integrity. After retiring, he continued his professional journey with Energy Education, bringing his wisdom and experience to another rewarding chapter in his life.

John will be remembered for his unconditional love of people, his profound generosity, and his enduring love for the game of golf. Whether he was sharing a kind word, lending a helping hand, or enjoying a day on the greens, John's warmth and joy touched the lives of all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie David and Ima Berry; his brother, Harold Berry; and his beloved wife, Sandra Berry.

John is survived by his three children: Shayne Berry and wife Karen of Ennis,

Montana; Pepper Berry of Los Angeles, California; and Kelli Burks and husband Scott of Arlington, Texas. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Tyler Berry and wife Bri of Dallas, Texas; Austin Berry and wife Katie of Tallahassee, Florida; Charlotte Berry of Dallas, Texas; Bailey Welvaert and husband Kaleb of Wichita Falls, Texas; Kori Kate Burks of Houston, Texas; and Macy Jo Burks of Arlington, Texas. Additionally, he leaves behind four great-grandchildren: Millie Jean and Joni Sandra Berry of Tallahassee, Florida; Oakley Marie Berry of Dallas, Texas; and Phillip Bradley Welvaert of Wichita Falls, Texas.

A celebration of John's life will be held on January 25, 2025, at 12:30 PM at New Harmony Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

John Leonard Berry's life was a testament to love, generosity, and joy. Though he has left this world, his legacy will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him.

Cemetery Details

New Harmony Cemetery

9920 FM 724
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **25**. 12:30 PM (CT)

New Harmony Baptist Church
10251 FM 724
Tyler, TX 75704
nhbc@newharmonybaptistchurch.org

Tribute Wall

LM

Laurie M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John Leonard Berry.

Laurie M. - January 21, 2025 at 07:15 PM

RG

What a beautiful tribute and a life well lived.

Robin Grady - January 10, 2025 at 11:30 PM

DB

Dylan & Jesse Bowles purchased the Divine Light for the family of John Leonard Berry.

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