



## John William Rodgers

John William Rodgers, loving husband, father, and brother, met his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, face to face on September 12, 2017, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He passed away at his home in Missouri City, Texas, surrounded by his loving family, and is now completely healed and rejoicing in heaven.

He was born on June 14, 1950 in Sarasota, Florida to William Matheny Rodgers and Dorothy Halle Sinks. John grew up in Houston, Texas and graduated from Sharpstown High School in 1969 and later from the University of Houston, receiving a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology. He worked for W.K.M. for 16 years, and later briefly for Regal Machine Tools. He then opened his own business, AIM Industrial Maintenance, Inc. which he operated for 23 years. John ended his working career at Ellwood Machining and Welding. He loved repairing machinery and took great pride in being able to "resurrect" an old piece of industrial equipment and get it running again.

John was a genuine person, kind-hearted and encouraging to everyone he met. He never met a stranger. He also had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. Spending time with his family, barbecuing, playing games at home and watching old westerns were his favorite ways to spend his time. He was also an avid reader.

John loved the Lord and loved studying His Word, and was a faithful member and deacon of Heritage Baptist Church. He loved his church family, loved singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School.

He learned to fish from his father and it was something that he enjoyed throughout his life. He loved the outdoors and spending time at his wife's family farm. He also enjoyed bird watching, collecting stamps and watching the Astros.

John met the love of his life, Linda Sue Thompson, in Physics class at the University of Houston. They married in 1984 in Missouri City, Texas and were happily married for 33 years.

He is survived by his spouse Linda, of Missouri City, Texas, daughters Laura Anne Gagliano of Missouri City, Texas and Sarah Lynn Easterling of Rosenberg, Texas, and their spouses, Cory Gagliano and Matt Easterling; sisters Virginia Sicola of Amarillo, Texas and Patricia Nixon of Huntsville, Texas and their spouses, Tony Sicola and Aaron Nixon; nephews Alex Sicola, William Nixon and Tom Nixon, and niece Lisa Nixon Baker, and

numerous great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Matheny Rodgers and mother Dorothy Sinks Rodgers.

A funeral service will be held at Heritage Baptist Church, 2223 FM 1092 in Missouri City, Texas, 77459 on Saturday, September 16th at 1:00 p.m. A visitation will be held at the same church on Friday, September 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The family will be greeting friends and relatives at that time. Burial will follow the funeral at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1101 Antoine Drive, Houston, Texas 77055 at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16th.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and other staff at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston for their loving care of John over the last eight years; specifically Dr. Milind Javle and nurse practitioner, Jackie Weatherly and their support staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to M.D. Anderson Hospital, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Texas 77030 or at [gifts.mdanderson.org](http://gifts.mdanderson.org).

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ John was huge encouragement to Joe while Joe was receiving his treatment at MDA. John always greeted us with a smile on his face and encouraging words. He gave Joe such wonderful advice on what to expect and what to do and not to do. He made our stay at MDA so much easier with all his wisdom. In the past year that we have gotten to know John, he has become a dear friend that will be greatly missed each time we return to Houston. There will be a hole that no other can fill. We are praying for you, Linda, as well as Laura and Sarah and the rest of your family. May you feel the arms of God surrounding you and comforting you in the days ahead. We love you.

Joe and Debbie Lynne Costello - September 16, 2017 at 07:42 PM

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“ John William Rodgers

Ben and Terese Woodward - September 16, 2017 at 10:32 AM

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“ We love all of you! Praying for peace and comfort. Praising God for our brother in Christ, knowing he is with our Jesus rejoicing in Heaven.

Ben and Terese Woodward - September 16, 2017 at 10:32 AM

WN

“ I love each and everyone of you guys. Linda, Laura and Sarah. As the oldest nephew I have very fond memories of John. Some that are way old. When i was young i looked up to him and I remember him with big hair, visiting with my Grandmaw Nadine, cussing and discussing things that I am sure I was too young to understand. I thought he was old and wise...i bet he was 25 or 26. Another memory...once we had a fish fry at our house I was probably 15 or so. I can't remember the exact occasion but there was tons of people there that were friends of my family. So there was lots of shaking hands and introducing John and his family. That darn John true to form, introduced himself as everyone he met. So another words when someone shook his hand and said\" hello my name is George, nice to meet you\" John said\" hi I'm George nice to meet you also.\" What a way to break the ice. never knew anyone else that could turn an entire room of unknown people into friends in just a few minutes. I love Uncle John and know that he said hi I'm Jesus and nice to meet you also.

William A. Nixon - September 15, 2017 at 07:09 PM

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“ *lifting up your family in love for strength and comfort*

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**Donna Wright** - September 15, 2017 at 05:50 PM

MJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Rodgers family on the passing of John indeed a very special person and I know my life has been enriched by knowing him be blessed my friends*

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**Marlon Joseph** - September 15, 2017 at 05:23 PM

BC

“ *I'm thankful that I had the privilege to meet him and see the love he had for the Lord and his family. I know he will be missed\nsorely by family and all he came in contact with.\nOne day we will meet again, oh glorious day !  
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**Barbara Collins** - September 15, 2017 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Thank you for your legacy on the earth. May God continue to comfort your loved ones.*

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**Cassandra Bruington** - September 15, 2017 at 04:49 PM