

Rev John George Morrison

May 10, 1925 - August 5, 2020

John George Morrison was born May 10, 1925 to Harry and Elizabeth Davis Morrison in Martinton, Illinois, a small farming community about 70 miles south of Chicago. He died peacefully at his home near Chireno, Texas on August 5, 2020 at the age of 95. A private graveside service is being celebrated in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Carthage, Texas.

You could not know John long without discovering his love for singing. His talent came naturally, and he had a little dance band during high school in which he sang and played the trumpet. Three days after graduating from high school in May 1943, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp where he trained as a ball turret gunner. It was while stationed at Lowery Field in Denver, CO that he met and soon married Bobbie Henderson. After leaving the armed services in 1946, they settled in the Houston area and reared two sons, Jonathan Lee, and Gary Alan.

John pursued several entrepreneurial ventures. He enjoyed working for himself. At one point, he owned a paint and wallpaper store in the Lakewood area of Houston where he was honored in 1959 by the local Merchants Association for "outstanding promotions and effective leadership." This work led to a distributorship for Cook's Paint and Wallpaper Company. Later he had a Real Estate business in the Spring Branch area. At the same time, he also owned a string of laundromats. In the mid 1970's John and Bobbie moved to Katy, Texas and established BG's Fried Chicken. He also owned City Café in Brookshire. If that were not enough to keep him busy, he continued his real estate business as John Morrison & Associates and belonged to the Katy Chamber of Commerce. Ever the Renaissance Man, John loved golf, gardening, painting, history books, and most of all singing. John never knew how to be idle. He was elected Mayor of Katy (1979–1983). During this time he served the Harris County Mayors and Councilmen's Association as secretary (1980-1981), Vice-President (1981-1982), and President (1982-1983). He was president of Texas Municipal League Region 14 (1981-1982). He has been an active member of Lakewood Merchants Association serving as 2nd president. In 1962-63 he was president of Rotary of Northeast Houston. In 1974-75 he was president of Kiwanis Club of Spring Branch. He served as the chairman of the Katy Area Houston Board of Realtors in 1987.

John was a very active member of Katy First United Methodist Church where he taught

Bible lessons to a large Sunday School class. In 1992, at the young age of 67, John answered the call to full time ministry. As calls often do, this one uprooted John and Bobbie and planted them in Carthage, Texas, In the following years he served at four Methodist churches in that area (St. Andrews, Murvaul, and Woods as head pastors and First United Methodist of Carthage as an associate pastor), winning evangelism awards and leaving his churches revitalized. It was during this time that Bobbie went to be with the Lord, They had been married 62 years.

In 2007 John married Emily Hester and moved to her home outside the small farming community of Chireno, Texas. It was a fitting circle. Back to the country. They sang with a small group that goes to nursing and assisted living homes (but he did not revive his trumpet). And every day he lived out his last line of the senior play in high school – AGE DOES NOT STALL THE HEART THAT IS YOUNG!

John is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Harry and Myron, and his wife Bobbie.

He is survived by his wife Emily, brother Ross and wife June of Lancaster, PA; sons Johnathan and wife Jan of Socorro, NM, and Gary and wife Charlotte of Austin, TX; granddaughter Jennifer Adams and husband Kevin of Katy, TX; great grandchildren Bailey, Jonathan, Katie, and Scout Adams; grandchildren Loden and Cyan Lizaso of Carrollton, TX; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Those wishing to honor Mr Morrison's memory may send donations to Love In The Name of Christ, P.O. Box 630423, Nacogdoches, Tx 75963(www.loveincnac.org) or to the charity of your choice.

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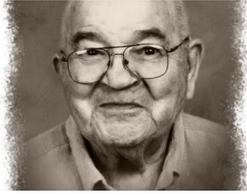
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Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 08, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ John was a devout and joyous Christian leader. As a Pastor, as an Associate Pastor, and as a layman he gave 100% of himself to God and the service of God. I will always remember him and cherish his memory.

Paul Thomasson - August 20, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting George and Emily through the Retired Teachers Association of Nacogdoches County. He was a delight to know as he often led the prayers, he always had something funny to say and most of all, he always had a smile to share. He will indeed be missed.

Susan Aikin, Nacogdoches

Susan Aikin - August 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ I first got to know Mr. Morrison when he opened his restaurant in Katy right next door to my family's gas station. I really enjoyed his "Big John" cheeseburgers. He later became the mayor of Katy and after that a Methodist pastor. He showed the love of Christ to everyone he encountered and enriched many lives. Thank you, Lord, for your servant John.

Michael Fraley - August 08, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Pastor Morrison service to Woods will always be remembered. He oversaw building our fellowship hall. First time we had running water since 1876 ! He also started me on the path to answering the call. Such a great man! His life was a gift to countless. I'll see him again

Mike Lauxman
Pastor
Woods UMC

Mike Lauxman - August 08, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ My condolences to all his family and friends. May the love of God comfort you as you work through your grief. I met Pastor Morrison through the Ministerial Fellowship here in Carthage. Pastor Morrison was a wonderful person to know. Gentle, kind, happy and beaming with joy. You could tell he loved Jesus and life. R.I.P. sir for the great Life you lived and the legacy you left.

Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury
Carthage, Texas

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“ I was privileged to have him serve Carthage First Methodist Church as the Associate Pastor. He always brought optimism and cheer to a worship service. His life-long service to God as a Pastor, Associate Pastor, as Mayor of Katy, Texas, as a successful businessman, and as a soldier in World War II all brought wisdom and loving grace to our church (and all the churches he served, both as a layman and as clergy). -Paul Thomasson

Paul Thomasson - August 08, 2020 at 02:13 AM



“ John Morrison was a blessing to St. Andrews Methodist church. He was an extrovert with a great personality and a loving heart. Always had a smile and that twinkle in his eye. He enjoyed people, always accepting and inviting people into the church with open arms. Enjoyed his friendship, sage advice, wit and sense of humor. Haven't seen him much since he moved to Chireno but will miss him. God blessed us with his guidance. A life well lived. Godspeed my friend.

Steve Garrett - August 07, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John George Morrison.



August 07, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ "Brother John" was a fine pastor, mentor, and friend. He had a ready smile and a booming, joyous voice which reverberated off the walls of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church whether he was preaching or singing (both of which he did with the same enthusiastic energy). His laugh could brighten anyone's doldrums. He increased the membership of the church and inspired many new ideas. He was a fan of the old "Lum and Abner" radio show and he and I portrayed those characters for some church banquets. He could inspire members to do things they'd likely never do on their own! I can't imagine playing the saxophone at church today, but he talked me into doing so in the 1990s! He and "Sister Bobbie" even attended a National Lum and Abner Society Convention in 1998 where he led the singing of old standards at our stage show in Mena, Arkansas. Most importantly, he led many people to Salvation through Jesus Christ, and their lives are forever changed. I am so Blessed to have known Rev. John George Morrison. Laura and I pray for peace and comfort for his family and many friends.

Donnie Pitchford - August 07, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Rev.Morrison was a true gentleman.He served the Lord with all of his being!Truly compassionate, giving, and always there to help those in need.I know there is a rejoicing in heaven when he was reunited with Mrs Bobbie

Kim Henigan - August 07, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Kim Henigan lit a candle in memory of Rev John George Morrison



Kim Henigan - August 07, 2020 at 03:11 PM