

John A. Handley, Jr.

John Amos Handley, Jr., born on November 19, 1951 in Raymondville, Texas, passed away peacefully with his family by his side after a long and brave fight with cancer.

John is leaving behind his immediate family, Louann Handley and their three children; John A. Handley III and wife Ashley with their daughter Lilyan, Danielle and her husband James Hempe and Christopher A. Handley. John was a very involved father, committed to their growth through a formal education as well as spiritually.

Other family members include in-laws, cousins, nephews and nieces that remained close to John during his life because of his easy going nature and genuine interest in them.

John earned a B.A. in Geography which he used as a basis for his continued interest in world events and to correlate today's events with biblical similarities. John had a very strong faith in God and served the Catholic Church in the RCIA program, sponsoring several candidates. John donated time to clean the church, volunteered at retreats and other programs when asked. He earned the Series 6 and 7 licenses with Prudential, owned Handley's Tire Store, had his private Multi-Engine pilot rating, Helicopter training, earned the Flight Tower Controller license and was OSHA certified for offshore drilling activities. John loved to deer hunt in Texas, Mexico and Kansas, as well as offshore fishing allowing him time with friends and family. He will be missed greatly by those of us that knew him.

The family wishes to thank you for your expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.

*Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of Dallas
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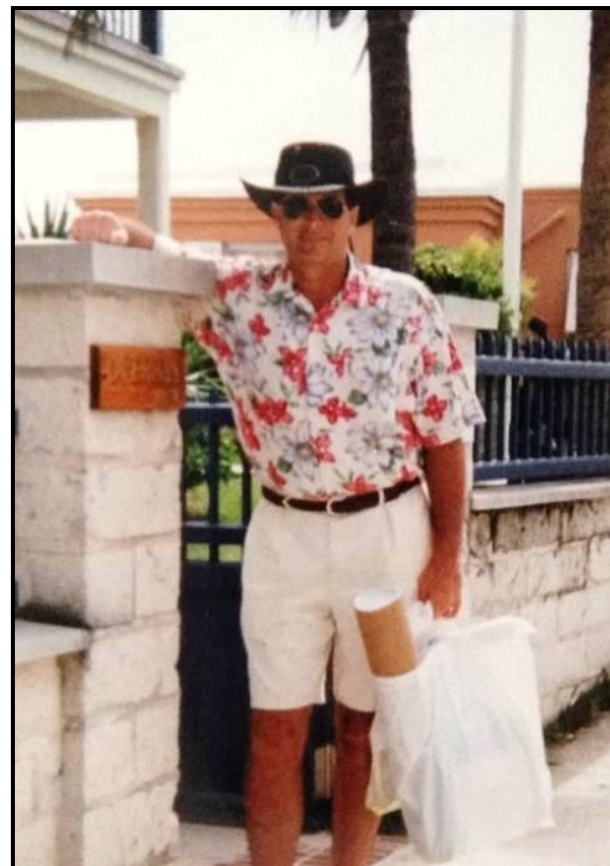
In care of the Archangels Men's Network

*You are invited to a reception following the Mass at the
Conrow Residence
4916 Briargrove
Dallas, TX 75287*

*Programs provided by
St. Monica Parish Community.*

Funeral Mass for

John A. Handley, Jr.



November 19, 1951 - July 29, 2014

August 9, 2014

*Calvary Hill Mausoleum North Chapel
Dallas, Texas*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, John died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.



GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

HOMILY

Msgr. John F. Meyers

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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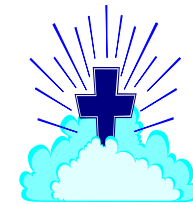
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother John, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon John in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN



"In the face of life's difficulties, let us ask the Lord for the strength to remain joyful witnesses to our faith."

-Pope Francis