



## John Edward Reynolds Jr.

August 25, 1927 - March 3, 2018

John Edward Reynolds, Jr., 90, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 3rd, surrounded by his family. He was born August 25, 1927 in Kansas City, KS. John was a devoted husband, father of 6, grandfather of 15, great-grandfather of 18, and one great-great grandchild.

John lost his father at 8 years old and began working to help out his mother who was 80% blind. This was during the depression era

He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1945 and attended Kansas University and studied geology.

He and Dorothy met on a blind date leading to 69 years of marriage. Together they traveled the world. He served in the Marine Corps in 1945 with an honorable discharge after WWII ended.

John was an encourager and an example of faith. Faith he learned very early from his mother; his richness was in his kids and family, raising 6 Christian, productive children that remain very close. John had a very strong work ethic; he worked multiple jobs at a time to support his family. His career included many years at the Santa Fe Railway and Stewart Sand. He passed his strong work values onto his children. John was a daring adventurer, owned a plane, and orchestrated many escapades in his life, some funny, most were harrowing and amazing that he survived. John loved world news, was a visionary and entrepreneur. He enjoyed all genres of music, and even surprised his children, taking them to the Beatles concert at Municipal Stadium. He continued to see numerous concerts all through his life. John

admired and appreciated every tiny detail and its perfection from the architecture of a building, veins of a leaf, to the emotions behind the eyes of an animal. He did not know a stranger and was always happy to keep the conversations and the party going. He had a unique and spontaneous gift to surprise and spread joy. If there was a will, he would find a way!

For those who knew him, John will be remembered for his wit, generosity and love for his wife and children. He cherished family times at the lake and the wonderful memories that were made. His family was his life and with his unselfish love and wisdom, he has enriched their lives.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Reynolds. Survivors include: six children: Stephen Reynolds wife Margie, Jan Packard husband Ted, Debbie Marr husband Monty, Teri Hallberg Gourley husband David Gourley, Eric Reynolds wife Lisa, and Kristina Reynolds McFeeters and fiancé Jerry Aldridge.

Visitation for John will be held 6:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 12501 W 137th Street, Overland Park, KS 66221. A Celebration of Life will be at 10 AM, Thursday, March 15 at Colonial Presbyterian. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Reception will follow returning back to Colonial Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations be made to Samaritans Purse and Harvesters.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3223 N. 18th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66104

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Colonial Presbyterian Church  
12501 W. 137th St.  
Overland Park, KS 66221

## Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Reynolds Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *John Edward Reynolds Jr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Stephen so sorry for your and your family's lose. My parents and I lived on Barnett 2 doors from you Grandma Minnie. My Dad and Mom were Jim and Nellie Bocelewatz. My name is Dolores their daughter. I remember you coming over to your Grandma's house and we played together. I remember the nickname for you Mom was DOT. Your Grandma and her housemate Lilly were so nice. Your Grandma use to come over to house after my mom had stroke and keep us company. I remember your Dad would come over and take your Grandma and Lilly to your house on Sundays for dinner. Your Dad lived a long and sure you have many memories. My Mom has been gone for 50 years and Dad 42 years and I still miss them. My brother passed away 2 years ago and he was 95. I am married and now live in Clinton Missouri for last 4 years. My husband comes from a big family and we live near most of them. Well, my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Dolores Bocelewatz Hadsall*

Dolores Bocelewatz Hadsall - March 13, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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“ 51 files added to the album *John Edward Reynolds, JR*



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**Teri Gourley** - March 09, 2018 at 01:39 PM