



# John A. Thompson

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**O**n Tuesday August 4, 2020, John Alan Thompson loving husband and father of two, passed unexpectedly into eternal life at the age of 71.

John was born on July 18, 1949 in Levittown, New York to Richard and Adrienne Thompson. He was a graduate of Longview High School, Class of '67, and the Calhoon MEBA Engineering School in Baltimore, Maryland.

While in Baltimore, John met the love of his life Barbara. They wed on August 7, 1971 and will celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary today. Together they raised two sons, Michael and Adam.

In August 1974 John joined the Longview Police Department where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. He retired from the LPD in April of 2005. He decided to join the Gregg County Sheriff's Department in 2007, again achieving the rank of Sergeant until his retirement in July of 2015. While working for each agency, he was recognized as Supervisor of the Year. It was his honor to serve the citizens of Longview and Gregg County and we are immensely proud of his unrelenting dedication to helping people.

John enjoyed his time at home often gardening with Barbara and tending to his numerous bird feeders for both his personal enjoyment and that of his grandchildren. He loved his sons, their wives and his grandchildren more than anything in this world. As the patriarch of his family, he would do anything for his brothers and sisters. He had a heart of gold and was just the greatest. We are heartbroken. We love you Papa John and we'll miss you forever.

John was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard. He is survived by his soulmate Barbara; son Michael and wife Carolyn and their children Alyssa(13), Aiden(11) and Adalyn(5); son Adam and wife Laura and their children Porter(2) and Holden(3wks). He is also survived by his sister Maureen(George); brother Tom(Sheryl); sister Lee Ann(Bobby) and brother Spencer(Karen) and several nieces



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and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held for John on Saturday, August 8, 2020, 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. It will be preceded by a Rosary at 12:30. Face mask are mandatory and social distancing will be in affect inside of the Church. Out of concern for the ongoing COVID pandemic, the funeral will also be live streamed on St. Mary's Catholic Church, Longview, TX Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmaryslongview/>). There will be no visitation but viewing will be available Friday from 2pm-8pm

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.



## Events

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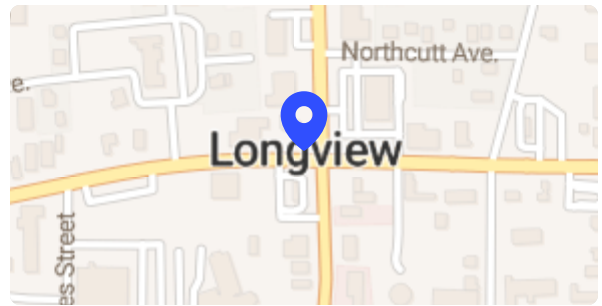
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### Mass of Christian Burial

 **Saturday**, August 8, 2020

 1:00 PM CT

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Longview TX





## Tribute Wall

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**S.M. Alexander** posted:

My husband and I met John and Barbara when we were all students in Baltimore, Md. They made a great couple, both friendly and out going. We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sue Spalding Alexander and Dan Alexander.

September 1 at 4:08 PM



**Sharon Atkins** posted:

I always loved how kind and thoughtful John was to everyone. I have so many wonderful memories of him growing up. I am so sorry and I send prayers to all the Thompson family. He was a special friend.

August 26 at 11:07 AM



**Adam J. Holland** posted:

I met John when I was a little boy. He was on patrol and pulled over my mother for speeding on (a then two-lane) Judson Road. For whatever reason, it scared me and I reacted accordingly. After that shift, John showed up at our home to make sure I was OK; he gave me a balsa wood model glider as a gesture of goodwill. The rest is history. Sgt. Thompson leaves a legacy of excellence, professionalism and all-around kindness. I was fortunate enough to meet up with him several years ago when I was a Longview News-Journal reporter and he as a court bailiff. He remembered well that incident from years before and told me that it helped shape his policing focus. I am beyond blessed that Mom decided to travel 52 in a 40 on that summer day. Thank you, Sgt. Thompson, for leaving such wonderful footprints.

August 11 at 5:03 AM



**Brenda Liverman** posted:

John was one special man! So caring, professional and friendly. Prayers are his family. Have great memories thru the years.

August 9 at 3:37 PM



**Debbie And Joe Duhon** posted:

Prayers for your family... Great to have known you for such a long time my friend.

August 9 at 3:01 PM



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ML

**Mark Little** posted:

Barbara and family, I am heartbroken for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with John in my office. He was a wonderful person, a true American hero. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Mark Little

August 9 at 7:23 AM

RG

**Ronny Griffith** posted:

John was a very dedicated person to his job. A true professional.

August 8 at 3:19 PM

BH

**Bob Holcomb** posted:

I am so sorry about John's passing. I worked with him many years and we shared a few interesting incidents. I know some of his family and like John, they are top notch. He was a friend and it was my pleasure to be associated with him.

August 8 at 10:11 AM

GD

**Gary Dodson** posted:

Lee Ann and family. Have comfort in knowing he is in a better place. John was a fine man and the LPD and the city of Longview were lucky to have him. He surely will be missed. RIP John. You are in our prayers. Gary Dodson

August 8 at 7:22 AM

MI

**Mike** posted:

It has been an honor to have known John for 40 years. Always the honorable professional. Compassionate and caring! His legacy speaks for itself. John's family are in my prayers. Mike Claxton

August 8 at 4:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Thompson family.



August 8 at 3:17 AM



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**Carter Tucker** posted:

Lee Ann and Family So Very Sorry to learn of your Loss You are all in my Prayers Carter Tucker

August 7 at 6:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thompson family.



August 7 at 8:51 AM



**Sharon & Kelly McAfee** posted:

Tommy, we are sorry to hear about John. You are in our thoughts & prayers

August 7 at 8:05 AM



**Randy Johnston** posted:

Tommy and Lee Ann I am so sorry to hear about John. My thoughts are with you and your families during this time. I lost my Dad 20 years ago today to cancer, so I know what you are going thru. Your Friend, Randy Johnston

August 7 at 6:33 AM



**Paul Folzenlogen** posted:

John was an exceptional good man. I always enjoyed visiting with him at Church or anywhere I ran into him. Barbara.... you are in our thoughts & prayers. He will always be at your side from heaven. We we will miss seeing John with you in Church. Paul & Jeanie Folzenlogen

August 7 at 5:22 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Thompson family.



August 7 at 5:06 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Thompson family.

August 7 at 4:49 AM



**North American Mining** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Thompson family.

August 7 at 3:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thompson family.

August 6 at 8:17 PM



**Tom Wilbeck** posted:

I worked with John for almost 20 years. I have known few that I respected as much as him. He will be missed by many. Tom Wilbeck

August 6 at 5:47 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Delightful Dieffenbachia to the Thompson family.

August 6 at 4:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thompson family.

August 6 at 4:00 PM





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CS

**Cb And Jana Smith** posted:

It has been over 32 years since my wife and I and our 2 boys sat behind John and his family at mass in St Mary's there in Longview. We have mentioned him often over the years and the quiet way he had of keeping his sons under control during church. I can hear the resounding thwack of his knuckle on the back of a little blonde head still. We are saddened to learn of his passing and wish the peace of the Lord for his family and may perpetual light shine upon him.

August 6 at 2:13 PM

CC

**Cathy Cace** posted:

Oh Dear Barbara. I am praying for you. I pray for God to be with you and help you to find peace. God bless you and all of your family. If you ever just want to talk, my number is +19032385853. I will be more than happy to listen. My love to you and your family and May God Be With You. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

August 6 at 2:08 PM

WV

**Wanda Vallery** posted:

I worked with John at Gregg County Sheriff Department several years ago. He was a wonderful man and spoke of his family often. He will be missed by all that knew him. Our prayers go out to the family in your time of loss.

August 6 at 2:08 PM

JG

**Judy Grohman** posted:

David and I are so sorry to hear this news. Our families have sat near each other at St. Mary's for many years. Our prayers are with you, Barbara, and your boys and their families. Judy and David Grohman

August 6 at 2:02 PM

CH

**Cheri Hayes** posted:

I hate to hear this news. My dad, Tex Bruce, worked with Mr. Thompson for years at the PD. The last few years, I would run into him at the soccer fields...my husband coaches our son's team. Will miss him. I'm lifting the family up in prayers. Mr. Thompson, have a cup of coffee and a donut with Dad.

August 6 at 1:41 PM



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**Pete Fasanello** posted:

A great friend and coworker , gonna miss you John

August 6 at 1:30 PM



**Richard Pearson** lit a candle in honor of John.

I worked with John as a LPD dispatcher and later in the courtroom. He was always going the second mile for anyone. I will miss his smile and friendly nature. RIP..end of watch..🚓🚓🚓



August 6 at 12:30 PM



**Rita Marshall-Burke & Joe Burke** lit a candle in honor of John.

My family knew John since the early 80's. Always a delight to be around. No nonsense kind of guy, yet funny and insightful! We will miss running into him & Ms. Barbara around town. They say only the good die young.....well.....that is definitely the case here! RIP Mr. John.....we'll miss you & we love you!!



August 6 at 11:59 AM



**Lisa J. Chatterton** posted:

I have the utmost respect and admiration for Sgt. Thompson. A wonderful man, mentor and friend. Praying for you Barbara.

August 6 at 11:38 AM



**Clay Whittenberg** posted:

I had the honor of working for him at both agencies. Sarge was the most honorable man I've ever known. God speed, Sir. You've earned it.

August 6 at 11:33 AM



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**Jack H. Lanier, Jr.** posted:

I will always remember Sergeant John Thompson as a no-nonsense type of fellow, but at the same time he was a man with a very friendly disposition and was a mentor to many of us officers at the Longview Police Department. He was so well appreciated in the community where he dedicated a great deal of his life as he did also to his church. John was a praying man, evidenced when I was deployed to the combat zone in the middle east while serving in the Air Force Reserve Special Operations, and at the same serving in the Longview Police Department, said to me before my departure overseas, "I will constantly be praying for you, Jack." John will be missed by many of us, but he left us a legacy of service and dedication that will always be with me in my earthly life. Also, I believe from what I was once told that John served in the U.S. Merchant Marine and was so dedicated to loving his country. God Speed, Sergeant John! Thanks for the memories always, and I will look forward to your fellowship in glory. Jack H. Lanier, Jr. Retired Police Sergeant Region 1 Director, Texas Police Association

August 6 at 11:21 AM



**Anthony Boone** posted:

Sgt. Thompson is one of the best supervisors/sergeants I had the pleasure and honor to work around. He always had a smile and he took the time to teach you and show you a better way. Just a great individual.

August 6 at 11:02 AM



**J. B. McCaleb** posted:

Our condolences to Barbara and Thompson family. John was a man of great integrity and dedicated to serving others. He was loved greatly and will be missed by many. Our prayers are with you. J. B. and Lois McCaleb

August 6 at 6:18 AM



**Kathy & Wayne Knowles** lit a candle in honor of John.

Wayne and I are so sad that our Dear Brother-In-Law, John, has passed away. What a shock!!...And because of Covid so sorry that we can't travel from Baltimore, Maryland to be there...this is so sad.....



August 6 at 5:37 AM



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KP

**Karen Pigeon** lit a candle in honor of John.



August 6 at 4:57 AM

HG

**Hollie Clark Gannon** posted:

John and his family were our neighbors when I was young and he and Dad were good friends. He was kind, generous, and loyal. He loved his family dearly and served Longview with dignity and fair actions. He will be missed.

August 6 at 3:54 AM

MG

**Mike Grisham** posted:

John Thompson was truly a honorable man and someone myself and so many others looked up too. He was a great man who loved his family so much. Words can't describe how much he will be missed.

August 5 at 5:55 PM

JG

**Jimmie & Kirk Green** posted:

Our hearts are so heavy right now it's hard to express the deep sorrow we are feeling. You, John and the boys were very special to us and we love you dearly. The news of John's passing has been a shock as I know it is for all of you. Barbara, Michael and Adam if there is anything we can do please let us know. We are just just a couple of streets over from your house. John was one of a kind...loved his smile, laugh and him. We have so many memories of the boys with our kids growing up. John, rest in peace and God Bless.

August 5 at 2:45 PM

KG

**Karen Grisham** lit a candle in honor of John.



August 5 at 12:53 PM



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**Shaun Pendleton** posted:

John was an awesome man! He was a great police officer and supervisor and I will miss him dearly. My prayers and condolences to the family and may God grant you peace during this most difficult time. Rest easy John, you deserve it. Shaun Pendleton, Sergeant Longview Police Department

August 5 at 10:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thompson family.



August 5 at 9:43 AM



**Rick Boring And Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thompson family.



August 5 at 8:09 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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