



John Sutherlin Guttry

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Dr. John Sutherlin Guttry died peacefully at home with his family on Thursday, February 18. He was born in Harmon, Louisiana, to Carlos Byron and Lala Sutherlin Guttry, May 25, 1931. When he was six-weeks old, he moved with his parents to Kilgore, Texas, during the East Texas oil boom when his father, who worked for Gulf Oil Company was transferred there. In Kilgore, he attended St. Luke's Methodist Church and graduated from Kilgore High School in 1949. He attended Kilgore College and studied at North Texas State University in preparation for his studies at the University of Texas School of Dentistry, where he achieved the D.D.S. degree in 1956.

As a young man, John Guttry was active in scouting and received the Eagle Scout award in 1946. At North Texas he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. After graduation from dental school, he was inducted into the Air Force as Captain and was sent to Narsarsuak, Greenland, where he became the head of the base dental clinic. When the base closed in 1957, he was transferred to Carswell Air Force Base in Ft. Worth. On September 27, 1957, John married the love of his life Lottie Lou Lipscomb of Kilgore. They made their home in Ft. Worth until his discharge from the air force. The Guttrys moved to Longview, Texas, where he opened his dental practice in 1958.

He was very much loved by friends and family and his many dental patients. He spent many happy times with his family in Longview, Florida, and during vacations in Colorado. John and Lottie loved to travel to distant, interesting places. His favorite memories were of China, Australia, New Zealand, and Egypt. Among his many hobbies were scuba diving, ballroom dancing, car restoration, and gardening. Active in the Longview community, he was a member of the Board of Directors at First Federal Savings and Loan, president and board member of the Civic Music Association, president of the East Texas District Dental Society, staff member at



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Good Shepherd Medical Center; president of the Land O’Pines Dental Study Club, president of the Cherokee Club board of directors, and a member of Master Gardeners. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Longview and the Henry Foster Sunday School class. At First Methodist he served as chairman of the Administrative Board and chairman of the board of directors of the School for Little Children, and served on the board at Asbury Child Enrichment Center. After retirement he volunteered at Good Shepherd Hospital, Asbury House, and his church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lala Sutherlin Guttry, his father, Carlos Byron Guttry, his brother Carlos Byron Guttry, Jr. and his sister-in-law Mary Dorsa Guttry.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Lottie Guttry, his daughter Melinda Barge of Longview, his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Shannon Guttry, of Longview, his son John Dabney Guttry, of Florida, his grandchildren and their spouses: Stephen and Kimberly Barge, Caitlin and Bryan Hardin, Shaughn Barge, Dabney and Karen Guttry, Rebecca Guttry, Rachel Guttry, Rob Guttry, and Mary Shannon Guttry, his cousins Michele and Robert Bauman; his five great-grandchildren: Alexa Barge, August Barge, Khloe Guttry, Owen Hardin, and John Bryson Guttry

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm, Wednesday, February 24 at First United Methodist Church under the direction of Rader Funeral Home. Viewing will be on Tuesday, February 23, from 9 am until 7 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Rosewood Park.

Donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Asbury House Child Enrichment Center, or a charity of your choice.



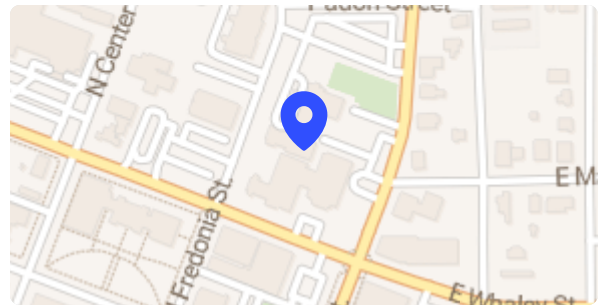
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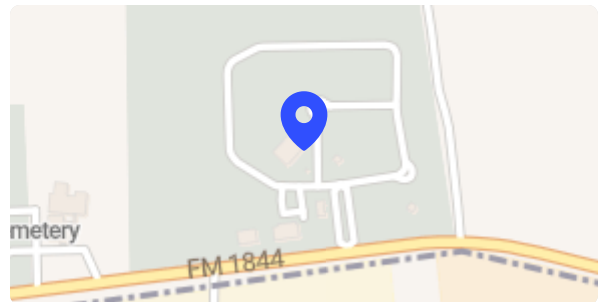
Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, February 24, 2021
- 1:00 PM CT
- First United Methodist Church**
400 N. Fredonia St., Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **John's Memorial Service.**



February 24 at 10:29 AM



Errol Derouen posted:

Many prayers, our hearts are with you now, RIP JohnDr. Errol and Judy DeRouen

March 1 at 11:33 AM



Ron And Esther Johnston posted:

From the time we moved to Longview in 1969 until he retired, Dr. Guttry was our dentist. Words aren't adequate to say how much he meant to us. He was calm, caring, friendly, humorous, and dispelled any fear of having dental work done. He always spoke lovingly about Lottie, and his children. Like father, like son describes how he passed along the qualities of fine dentistry to Robert, and we were grateful to continue as patients. We are praying for your family as you go through your grief journey. Ron and Esther Johnston

February 27 at 9:20 AM



Larry & Bettye Mitchell posted:

Dr. John was the dentist for many of our family. He made each one comfortable while doing his work. He was a very caring man. Larry & Bettye (Dow) Mitchell

February 26 at 8:12 AM



Lori Carns posted:

I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. John S. I was his patient for many, many years up until his retirement and the one thing I could always count on was his soft, comforting words of wisdom and let us not forget that wonderful smile. He was a good, caring, kind man who loved life and Family was his joy. I have so many fond memories of Dr. John and know that he will truly be missed by many. To his loving family, I send my deepest sympathy and you will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Lori Carns

February 24 at 7:50 AM



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TJ

Tari Jhass posted:

My best dentist and a wonderful and very kind man and a Godly man who as gone home to be with his lord. 🙏 for his family at this time in there life. Tari Jhass

February 24 at 7:22 AM

MM

Melanie Malcolm posted:

My heart is so sad for the loss of Dr. Guttry. He was a wonderful friend and dentist for most of my life. I have great memories of my daddy telling funny stories about his and Dr. Guttry's adventures. He was always so kind and loving. Funny too. Sending all of you prayers.

February 23 at 10:41 PM

DB

Dianne H Benton lit a candle in honor of John.

Dear Lottie, Mike and I were so sad to hear about John. We have good memories from the dance club and a travel group to Turkey. Best wishes and sympathy. The Bentons.

February 23 at 5:15 PM



JL

Judy And Ed Lewis posted:

Lottie and Family, We send our deepest sympathy on the loss of John. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Judy and Ed Lewis

February 23 at 3:41 PM

KM

Kay Moseley posted:

Sam and I send our sincere sympathy to you and your family. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Sam and Kay Moseley

February 23 at 3:07 PM



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SH

Sheryl Hopkins posted:

I went to work for Dr. John S. about 20 years ago. I hesitated leaving the practice I was working at in Kilgore for 20 years. I cared so much for my patients and hated to leave them, but felt I needed to change. One of my friends and our dental supply representative told my Dr. Guttry was looking. I met with him and immediately fell in love with his smile and his kind disposition. I decided to work with him for a week and check him out. I was very picky about type of dentist he was and his chair side manner. He was the best in both areas!!!! He was undoubtedly the nicest man on earth. I really enjoyed working with him. A lot of my patients followed me and they loved him also. One of the best decisions I have ever made. Not only was he a good dentist, he was a good boss and most of all a good friend. He will be so missed, but I know he is in a good place. Lottie, my heart goes out to you. Sheryl Hopkins

February 23 at 5:46 AM

DH

Donna Higginbotham posted:

I went to work for Dr. Guttry in 1988 and am still there! He was just like a father to me! We have had some really good times down through the years! We still laugh about some of the things that have happened which leaves me with so many wonderful memories! I could not imagine working for a better family than the one I have been blessed to be a part of for the last 33 years! John S I Love You! Lottie, you will be in my prayers!

February 23 at 4:20 AM

BL

Brenda And Michael Liverman posted:

Dear ones Michael and I send our love and prayers to you. Nohn was such a wonderful friend and dentist. His kindness and gentleness was evident in all he did. Loved his smile and laughter. His life and service are such an inspiration.

February 22 at 2:37 PM

SB

Sarah McClellan Bennett lit a candle in honor of John.

I remember Dr. Guttry as my dentist for many years. He made my dad's first dentures when he started his practice here in Longview 1958. This wonderful man would meet you at the office any time day or night. I missed him when he retired and let his son Robert take over, but Robert wasn't Dr. John. Your friend. Sarah McClellan Bennett.



February 22 at 2:21 PM



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PB

Phillip Brown posted:

My heart is sad today as I learned of Dr. Guttry's passing. I was his patient for so many years because of how caring and gentle he was. I had a crown come off on a Friday once and called the emergency service because I was scheduled to be in a wedding the next day and this crown was right in front. Although he was headed out of town with his family, he turned around and met me at the office to take care of me. That says all you need to know about John. He brought his young son with him (Robert) to the office that day and began to tell him all about the problem with the crown and repaired it and put it back in while telling him about taking good care of patients. It's no surprise how Robert learned these lessons as he became the same caring person as John in taking care of me. So many thanks to John and this family and I will keep this family in my prayers. God Bless...

February 22 at 5:27 AM

NB

Nancy Brooks posted:

John S. has been a part of my life since I was born. He was an amazing & kind person. He always had comforting words of wisdom in every situation. I believe his parents taught him how to be a true gentleman. He will be missed.

February 20 at 8:07 AM

AK

Anne Kroeger posted:

He will be deeply missed. Have wonderful memories of the fun times we have had through the years . May we all be together again some day. Anne and Les kroeger

February 20 at 5:54 AM

JS

Jim And Dale Simons sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Guttry family.



February 20 at 4:27 AM

JC

Jimmy Culp posted:

I am so deeply saddened to learn this news. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace+

February 19 at 6:51 PM



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Michelle Bauman posted:

My cousin John S. has always been a favorite in the family. More than any other family person, he kept in touch with calls, visits, and letters. His love for Lottie and his family as well as his generosity to others is an example to us all and a testimony of his Life in Jesus. We will miss him till we see him again.

February 19 at 2:46 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Guttry family.



February 19 at 7:28 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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