



John J. Morony

September 15, 1936 - July 18, 2016

Friends and family note with sadness the passing of John Joseph Morony, Jr. at his home in Del Rio, Texas, on Monday, July 18, 2016. Mr. Morony, 79, died peacefully following a long struggle with the effects of cancer.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Martha Lozano, whose family was from Zapata County. They were married in 2005; they had no children. Mr. Morony was the son of John and Elizabeth Morony, who raised seven children at the family home south of Alamo, Texas. Mr. Morony held two science degrees in biology: a B.S. degree from Texas A&M, along with a Master's degree from LSU.

Following his graduation from Texas A&M, he was commissioned a Lieutenant of the Infantry. He later held the rank of Captain, serving variously as an Airborne Ranger and as an officer in the Special Forces. He later served as a Company Commander in the 69th Infantry, New York National Guard.

Mr. Morony was associated with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City during the early part of his professional career. He later performed research work at Columbia University and at the Museum of Natural Science in Baton Rouge, LA. He participated in a number of field expeditions in South America, in the Amazon Basin, Mexico and elsewhere in the Neotropics. Mr. Morony was widely published in the field of volcanism,

most notably in his discoveries of midtertiary hydrovolcanism in the Texas Coastal Plain region. He lectured widely on that subject and other aspects of biogeography. Mr. Morony taught biology as a member of the faculty of San Antonio College and more recently at the Del Rio campus of Southwest Texas Junior College.

While in Del Rio, he performed extensive research on the composition and use of adobe and other earthen materials in building construction. Together with his wife Martha, Mr. Morony developed data on the scientific properties of adobe, which led to major breakthroughs in construction and design. Much of their work was done at the Esperanza Research Center in Del Rio, where he built a large adobe residential structure that served as their home and studio. Mr. Morony and his wife made frequent appearances at adobe-related conferences in New Mexico. They jointly developed plans to construct and operate an Adobe Museum in Del Rio.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

Del Rio, TX 78840

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
(830) 775-2230
info@trinitymortuary.com
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
510 Wernett St.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

DM

“ We are saddened to hear we lost another member of the family.

Uncle John was as interesting and unique as they come. The only thing he loved more than knowledge was his love of his faith.

A constant student, always yearning to understand what he didn't know. Pursuing not just the facts but engrossing himself in what ever interested his insatiable hunger.

A true scientist. Wanting to always know not just the what's but the how's and maybe most importantly the why's. Life was his thesis, the ultimate study and he embraced it head on.

The consummate teacher. Never a time can I remember a visit with him that he didn't wish to share what he knew. Enlightening and always entertaining, he was the best at both. He could tell a story like no other. If you were lucky enough to hear the story of the snake wrapped around his legs when he was driving home one day, you are one of the privileged who enjoyed this mans brilliant wit, timing and love of sharing. Just one of many stories. He was the master.

A true patriot who loved his country. His honorable service a testament to his fidelity. We always knew to be prepared for a deep conversation when it was time to listen to what this man had to say. He cared deeply for the Constitution, the rule of law and the flag.

His faith was deep and constant. Through out his life he was a soldier for the Word and his belief in the Almighty was I am sure a great comfort to him especially during his final hours.

He loved his family and always had a kind word. Though we were all to often worlds apart, a message from him always ended the same-

" Your Loving Uncle, John".

We will miss you dear Uncle

David McKeown

David McKeown - July 20, 2016 at 03:55 PM

TC

“ *The McKeown clan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John J. Morony.*



The McKeown clan - July 20, 2016 at 02:51 PM

BW

“ *John was a very generous man who studied GOD's word everyday. He didn't have time for Tv's. I think it got in the way of his reading. He was always creating way to benefit the less fortunate. John told me he was ready to go to the next level, what ever God had in store for him. He wasn't afraid. He was and is a true Christian!!*

Bil White - July 19, 2016 at 10:34 PM

PI

“ *Pat Brown & your friends at ARES/NASA JSC MAPI IT purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John J. Morony.*



Pat Brown & your friends at ARES/NASA JSC MAPI IT - July 19, 2016 at 04:22 PM

MS

“ I am so saddened to hear this. John was our neighbor down the road and years ago I met him through a real estate dealing. We had not seen him in a long time so we had no knowledge of his illness. His dog used to escape and visit us quite often. Our condolences and prayers to his family.



Molly and Garry Stehle

Molly Stehle - July 18, 2016 at 11:23 PM