



John Edward Pratt

June 29, 1945 - July 12, 2024

John Edward Pratt was born in Key West, Fl. on 6/29/1945. His parents were Lloyd Edward Pratt and Marilyn June — it. He has two sisters, Julie White (deceased) and Jodi Leach. John married Sharon Brown on August 31, 1968. Their only son, Randolph Pratt was born April 6, 1979. John is survived by wife Sharon, his son Randy, daughter in law Christy and their daughters, Brooklyn Pratt, Katelynn Ellenberg, Madison Ellenberg, and Allison Ellenberg.

John grew up in Muscatine, Iowa and later moved to Dallas, Texas. He graduated from SMU in 1967 and joined the Navy. John served 1968 to 1971. He served in Vietnam and on Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf as an NSA communications officer. Following his active duty, he served in the National Guard from 1971-1975. John attended SMU Law School and practiced law and he later became a professor at Dallas Community College District for 20 years.

John and Sharon enjoyed traveling. They traveled throughout the Middle East and Europe. They retired to Mexico for 7 years, and later settled in California near their son and his family.

John is famous for his historical knowledge and his family knew better than to play Trivial Pursuit with him because they knew they would never win. And when you needed to know anything, just ask John! Sharon said that whenever

they took trips, they didn't need a guide, because John was the perfect guide. John's favorite team was the Dallas Cowboys and he loved war movies, but he usually fell asleep watching movies. He had a great voice and he sang in the church choir and while in the hospital. John was a very positive, kind, and loving person.

While John was in the VA hospital, he told all the nurses the history of how they met and that when he first saw her, he was so stunned at her beauty that he knew she was the one and it was love at first sight. He always called her "Beautiful", and the nurses would ask him if Beautiful was coming today.

We know that John will not only be received by God, but also by his family in Heaven.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Pst)

Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Burial

JUL 24. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (Pst)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Gary, Cam, Madi, Conner and Brody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Pratt.

Gary, Cam, Madi, Conner and Brody - July 23, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Edward Pratt.



July 23, 2024 at 02:45 PM

PB

“ Paul Jabara and Tamie Burke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Edward Pratt.



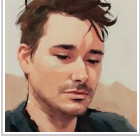
Paul Jabara and Tamie Burke - July 22, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JF

“ Jordan, Collier and Shepherd Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Edward Pratt.



Jordan, Collier and Shepherd Families - July 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ I remember coming over to Randy’s after school and there would be Mr. Pratt in his recliner with a box of Popsicle brand popsicles watching tv. We would talk and he would ask what I was up to in life and in school. I’ll never forget his "HA!" when he laughed. He will be missed. 🥺❤️

Marc Letot - July 16, 2024 at 08:50 PM

BM

Bettie Meachum

John was a great colleague at Cedar Valley College in Dallas! He would walk down the hall at a fast clip. To get water for his coffee. He loved his coffee. He was kind and helpful to those who would ask for legal advice, and tha was often! He taught government and his students enjoyed his classes. He was smart and funny and so likeable. I missed John when he retired. So sorry to hear about his passing. My best to Sharon and Randy and his family!



Bettie Meachum - October 25, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RM

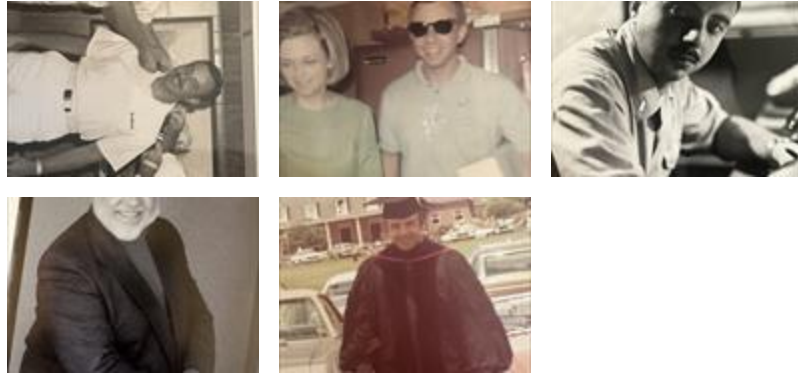
“ Ralph Monaghan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Edward Pratt.



Ralph Monaghan - July 15, 2024 at 07:43 PM

CP

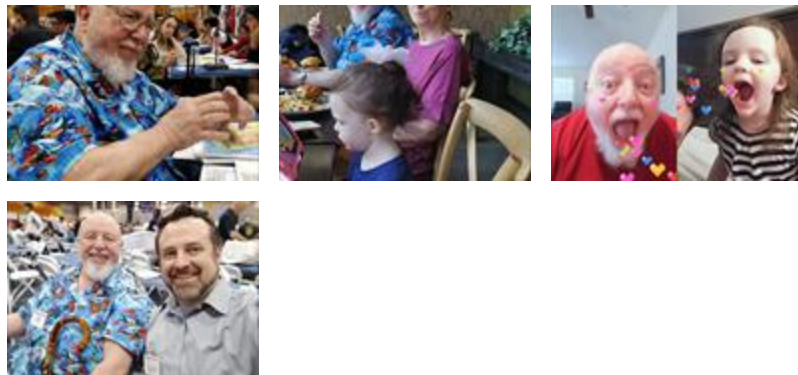
“ *My wonderful Father in law, we miss you so much. ❤️*



Chrisy Pratt - July 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM

RP

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Randy Pratt - July 15, 2024 at 06:47 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Randy Pratt - July 15, 2024 at 06:45 PM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



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