



## John Edwin Bryant

January 31, 1926 - April 13, 2019

John Edwin Bryant, Sr., 93, long-time resident of Grand Prairie, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, April 13, 2019 with family at his side.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2019 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. Private family Graveside Service: 10:15 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2019 at DFW National Cemetery, with Military honors, where he will be laid to rest with his wife of 71 years, Ann Lorraine Bryant.

John Edwin Bryant was born on January 31, 1926, the youngest of 2 children born to the late John Rufus Bryant and the late Opal Irene Wester Bryant in Fort Worth, Texas. He was raised in Arlington before joining the US Army, serving as an airplane and engine mechanic. Discharged as a Corporal from the Army Air Forces, May 8th, 1946. His experience in the military would eventually lead him to American Airlines, where he worked as a specialist in aviation mechanics. He retired after 25 years' service.

He lived a long and extraordinary life~ He was a respectable man, an honest man, an example we can all strive to achieve in our own lives. We honor his service to his country, his love of God, his love of his family and friends. He was witty, and creative, constantly working on a list of projects! Even at the age of 93, John still drove to the grocery store, took care of his yard, his home and was very independent. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Survivors: children: Joni Ann Bryant Sneed and her spouse Bill, Ricky C. Bryant and his spouse Debbie, Teresa Louise Bryant Finn, John E. Bryant Jr. and his spouse Moira. 11 grandchildren: David W. Johnson, Kimberli R. Freund, Darren L. Bryant, Danny J. Johnson, Matthew E. Finn III, John C. Finn, Kristen N. Smith and spouse Taylor, Candiss Bryant, Angela D. Bryant and April Bryant Grogan, 18 great grandchildren, honorable mention to great grandson, Chauncey James, with whom he was especially close and 11 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Bryant and sister,

Helen Louise Bryant Bobo.

# Cemetery

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## DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek

Parkway

Dallas, TX, 75211

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home

500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, US, 75050

**APR** **Graveside Service** 10:15AM - 10:40AM

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DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, US,  
75211

# Comments

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“ Bro John and Sis Annie have always shown the true meaning of love to everyone.... their home was one of my favorite places to be. We always had laughter and prayers and fellowship.... Bro John has a smile and a kind word for everyone....the Bryant's will always be a cherished memory in my heart....

Robbie Gardner James and Julie - April 19, 2019 at 01:52 PM

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“ Hello Pop, missing you more and more with each day that passes. Our road trip this weekend without you will be just a little difficult. What's the purpose without you. Bluebonnets and wild flowers with the setting of the sun after a wonderful visit with your Chance, our "C-Man" you so wanted to see. As for me all I need is to see one more time, that precious smile on your face, feel you squeezing my hand and pulling me down to give me a kiss, telling me how much you loved me one more time. Holding your hand till the last beat of your heart was the...Forever and Always in my heart ! This will be has been the most difficult 2 weeks on my life.....Give Matt-Chew a hug for me..

Teresa Finn Bryant

April 16, 2019 | Arlington,, TX | Daughter



Teresa Bryant LaPlace - April 19, 2019 at 06:56 AM

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My PaPaw,

Monday evening I came to your house here on Earth. 2501 Ave. A- The Bryant Homestead. I asked Kristen to come with me and she did. As I sat in your rocking chair, sun slightly hitting my face, cool breeze blowing thru the carport- We took a trip down memory lane. Going to Braums after Church on Sundays for our banana splits, getting to ride in the camper on the back of your truck was one of our weekly highlights. Piling up in the "turbocouch" going to Kroger for Groceries. getting in trouble for Picking strawberries that arent quite ripe yet..to sneaking cherry tomatoes from the garden. From Watching You work hard and tinker in the Shop to Coming inside to fresh baked chocolate cake, and seeing that big smile of yours as I bring you a glass of tea, with a "thank you hun" to finish off your day. I remember Getting to sit in your lap as we mowed the yard- you taught me how to steer and dodge trees! Memory lane was filled with so many happy moments- until I looked at your door with tears in my eyes- It hit me that you wouldnt be coming out to share the laughs, hugs and smiles.

You are a true admiration of a Devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather of many of us. I watched you love and care for Granny as any man proudly should. You taught me what a loving man should be, and how he should be. I see so many of your qualities in my dad, your son Rickie Charles. He has followed quite closely in your footsteps. From serving our Country in the AirForce, becoming an airplane mechanic, Being a honest, loving, God Fearing Husband and Father, Grandfather. Taking the time to show guidance on the right path. Loving with all he has and more..Heck, he even gargles with peroxide too- just like you. I know, you both have told. me- its "the" secret! Im so lucky to have had 2 upstanding men in my life, leading by example.

I have complete peace knowing you have been reunited with your bride of 71 years. I can only imagine getting to see her again is as grand as the day you both said, " I Do." Its been 5 years since she departed, but I know this time - she knows exactly who you are (that handsome husband of hers) and knows exactly how long you lived in "this old place". You received a Glorious Welcoming, Hand in Hand with Granny , looking down upon your greatest accomplishments. Your Children, Grandchildren, and Greats! I know you both are Proud.

One of your most requested wishes was to have all of your children fellowship together. You mentioned in several times in the letters you wrote to us (mom dad and myself) Im sorry it didnt happen before you departed. Monday may have been a couple days too late, but I know you were looking down seeing me try. I did that just for you. Unfortunately, reception was not welcomed but atleast you and I know we tried. Open hearts need to be possessed, the past let go, and maybe one Day the future could be bright again for the Bryant deck of cards.

I regretfully didnt t get the opportunity to say goodnight to you and say I love you before you closed your eyes for the last time. If I had only known you were in trouble on Saturday, If only I had known you were in the hospital for several days, IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN... I would have been there. I know you know that whole heartedly. You loved each and everyone of us equally all the same, Dont worry- I know that too, no matter what anyone says.

I can only hope that I get to live on this planet for atleast 93 years like. You did. I better start gargling with peroxide too. You and dad have both told me...Its "the" secret. So Im Listening

I love you PaPaw Always & Forever 143

Your CandiCane

Gosh, I consider myself to be rather lucky. I have 2 of the most uh,may,zing guardian angels looking down upon me. You and Granny have truly left a behind a lifetime Full of achievement, A Legacy, We are Bryants - lam a Bryant

Candiss Bryant - April 18, 2019 at 06:13 AM

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“ Pop, as I sit here thinking of you continuing to ask myself can this be true that you are gone. I have the last card you gave to me on my last birthday as with each year you managed to hand to me the most beautiful cards. I send this message to you from the last card you gave to me that I will never put away .....**"TO MY REMARKABLE DAUGHTER,"** When you were just a little girl it was easy to see the remarkable woman you someday would be. As you'd run and you'd play as you'd laugh and pretend, a lovable daughter, good sport and good friend"....." That was you....my sweet little girl." Through it all you've brought laughter, joy and love. You've kept touching my heart in a million sweet ways." "That's you ~ a remarkable woman, a remarkable daughter such as you have become on this day." **"HAPPY BIRTHDAY MY T"** **"WITH LOVE FROM YOUR POP"** .....Now I say to you **"MY POP"** I owe it all to you, **"MY REMARKABLE DAD"** how will I make it without **"YOU"** to brighten my days...We had so many projects left to do ....the measurements we took now lay on my desk...my heart is now broken, a smile not on my face.....Good Night My Poppa Your Now On Your Way. To Heaven I know, but I'm so sad to say, there will be no laughter tomorrow, nor for many a day. How can it be you seem so far away" .....**"LOVE TO YOU~POP, YOUR ~T"**

Teresa Bryant LaPlace - April 17, 2019 at 11:41 PM

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“ As I sit here in Pop's chair, I write these thoughts~ I'm listening to his favorite music~ Glenn Miller~ And while I cry for my own loss, I embrace the time, the treasure, I had with him! He had the most extraordinary life~ He lived close to a century ~ from horse and buggy to his own cell phone~ War, prohibition, rights for all kinds fought for and won. His concern for politics and our country were strong, His concern for earth and our environment were strong. He was overwhelmed by the future of all.

So talented, so funny, loving, grateful and human. He was a man of strong faith. He dictated how he lived his life~ And he dictated his passing ~ He, with his heart of gratitude and love to all~ made his way to heaven ~ And while I selfishly mourn his loss~ He is home and will live eternally in our hearts and souls~

Every night, I go to him, take Opa from his lap, I say sweet dreams Poppa, I love you~ I give him a kiss~ He gives Opa a kiss & He says~ "I love you too, Baby~ See you in the morning". Really going to miss that!

Love you so much Poppa~  
Sweet Dreams~

**Kimberli Freund** - April 17, 2019 at 05:40 PM

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“ My sister, Bettie, called me about Johnny's passing. I am Lela Cribbs Carlton (daughter of Jewell and Gordon Cribbs). I live in Sarasota, Fl. I have many loving memories of both Johnny and Lorraine. I was thinking of him not long ago and wondering how he was.  
Looking at his photo on this site, I am sure would have recognized him anywhere. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**LELA CRIBBS CARLTON** - April 16, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ So glad you posted....I heard about so many of your fun times....life was so uncomplicated back then.....when kids could be kids....I will call Bettie very soon. She left me a voice message. It was wonderful to her voice. Take care and Love to you....Terri Bryant

**Teresa Bryant LaPlace** - April 18, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ Mr Bryant was a very kind and sweet man. I have had privilege of knowing him and his family for 53 years. He was always kind and sweet and loved his family. I know he will be missed.

**Patsy Fox Blair-Devlin** - April 19, 2019 at 05:31 PM