



John David "J.D." Stewart

September 18, 1953 - October 2, 2017

John David "J.D." Stewart, 64, a lifelong resident of Grand Prairie, loving husband, adoring father, doting grandfather, pastor, and friend, passed into eternal life on Monday, October 2, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

J.D. Stewart was born on September 18, 1953, in Dallas, Texas, to the late Leonard Swindell Stewart and the late Bobbie Jean Cummins.

He was a 1972 graduate of Grand Prairie High School and would attend Baylor University where he was a student athlete. J.D. served on the Grand Prairie City Council for three years and later served on the Grand Prairie Independent School District Board of Trustees for nine years. He was elected to the GPISD Board of Trustees in 2008 with a desire to help lead the district to its full potential. He was committed to all teachers and students and was labeled "Defender of Children" in GPISD.

J.D. was a member of many civic organizations in the community including the Grand Prairie High School Quarterback Club, and a diehard Gopher fan. He spent many years coaching the Pirates Baseball League of Grand Prairie and was a proud member of the Grand Prairie Parks Department's Hall of Fame. Since the early 2000s, J.D. served as the Senior Pastor of Westridge Fellowship Church of Grand Prairie. There was no doubt J.D. loved his family and his friends but especially his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He will be

missed greatly, but one day, we too shall see him again.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his previous wife Melva Stewart.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lanette Stewart; son, Steve Lynch and wife Angie; son, Brian Stewart and wife Wendy; daughter, Melissa McConnell and husband Curtis; son, Jamie Stewart; son, Michael Session; son, Blake Stewart and wife Kelly; daughter, Jennifer Cannon and husband Ryan; daughter, Jessica Cabot and husband Del; son, Allen Ellzey, 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Janet Stewart; and brother, Bill Stewart and wife Denise. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Westridge Fellowship Church, 1700 State Hwy 161, Grand Prairie, TX 75050 . Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie , 950 Mayfield Rd, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

The family kindly directs donations in lieu of flowers to the Grand Prairie High School Quarterback Club, 709 Danish Drive, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050.

Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **4**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Westridge Fellowship
1700 State Hwy 161
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Funeral Service

OCT **5**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie
950 Mayfield Rd
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
(972) 262-5146

Tribute Wall

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“*Memories are the treasures that we lock deep within the storehouse of our souls.*” –
Becky Aligada

I will always treasure the lessons you've taught me in church ... You will be missed!!



Ariel - October 04, 2017 at 01:10 PM

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“*The Stewart Family and the Hamilton Family go back to the early sixties when John David and David Hamilton played sports together at John Adams Junior High School. Maurine Hamilton and Bobbie Stewart were in Gophers Mothers together during their sons' years at GPHS. So much was intertwined with admiration, good times, and love. It is a sad week in that John David is not with us. On the other hand, John David joins his mother and dad, along with David Hamilton in heaven. We miss them so very much! Elaine (Hamilton) Harrison; 10-4-17*

Elaine H Harrison - October 04, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DB

I had a crush on JD in high school but he was popular and I was not. Plus he was always up to no good...and a big practical joker. So, I decided to pray for his salvation and left it at that. 40 years later after my first husband died I found out he had been widowed and remarried to a sweet lady. He was a pastor of a church in my neighborhood and my friend Barbara Wright Criswell encouraged me to visit. Well, JD was wonderful and became my pastor for a short while. I decided to marry a Mormon man, about which JD WAS NOT HAPPY with my decision. When I asked him to marry me, he consented AFTER grilling my fiance to make sure he didn't have more than one wife. JD was a wonderful man and a good friend. I loved him.

Diana Slight Britt Baria - October 04, 2017 at 07:50 PM

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JD was a good man. He always had a friendly greeting and was a good preacher. God be with him and his family.

Roberta - October 07, 2017 at 09:03 PM