



John Koetting Broussard

January 29, 1952 - September 17, 2021

John Koetting Broussard passed away on September 17, 2021 at the age of 69 years after contracting COVID-19 and pneumonia. John was a proud native and lifelong resident of Houston, the son of Dede Ann Koetting and George Joseph Broussard. His parents and grandparents were native Texans and Houstonians, and he lived a life of which they would be proud.

John was born on January 29, 1952 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston. As a child, the Broussards lived in Charnwood, attended St. Anne's and then St. Michael Catholic Church. John attended school at St. Anne's, St. Michael's, St. Thomas, and Robert E. Lee High School. John then attended the University of Texas, and he loved the Longhorns so much that he could barely utter the words "Earl Campbell" without getting a tear in his eye. John was a true son of Houston and was proud of his attendance at the city's most famous events in the Astrodome, Rice Stadium, and Minute Maid Park. John grew up going to UH games at Robertson Stadium with his father and brothers, and had season tickets to the Oilers and Astros. He was in attendance for Mickey Mantle's first Astrodome home run, for Elvin Hayes and the Cougars downing UCLA, and for the Astros opening of Minute Maid Park. It was no coincidence then that John's most fulfilling professional time was as owner and operator of one of Houston's oldest restaurants, Prince's Hamburgers. John's career began humbly in his father's footsteps in the wholesale meat business. John eventually founded his own company under the name Houston Meat Purveyors where one of his clients was Prince's Hamburgers on South Main. When Prince's then-owner suggested in the early 1980's that it was time to close the drive-in, John stepped in to help her keep it open. He eventually repurposed Prince's and opened several stores throughout Houston. John was proud of his connection to Prince's and its connection to Houston's past. He relished his time with customers who would reminisce over the drive-in days and show off their classic cars.

The love of his life was, unquestionably, Patricia Lynn Bailey. John and Patti met as children in school at St. Michael's, and for over 60 years the two were inseparable. They married in June 1973 while still students at UT, then returned home to raise a family. John's committed and enduring love for his wife was on constant display and will forever be a blessing to his children and their families.

John is survived by Patti, their three children and spouses, and seven grandchildren: John Koetting Broussard, Jr, his wife Jessica, Luke (18), James (15), and Abigail (14); Emily Broussard Sperandio, her husband Mike, Georgia (14), Grant (13), and Joanna (10); and Bradley Joseph Broussard and his daughter Bailey (9).

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brother George, and his brother-in-law David Evans. He is survived by his siblings Susan Evans, Patti Larkin and husband Larry, Bret Broussard and wife Debbie, Joe Broussard and wife Sharon, and Katy Antill and husband Kevin. John is also survived by his loving mother-in-law JoAnn Bering Sellingsloh, his aunts Renee Jongebloed and Carolyn Combs, and an extended family of cousins, nieces, and nephews whom he loved.

John had a quiet, but enduring and sure Catholic faith that gave him purpose and strength throughout his life. John was a member of and regular Sunday morning parishioner at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. John lived his faith in humble ways: with the smile given to customers at Prince's, in the way he quietly checked on and cared for his extended family members, but most of all how he loved and treated Patti as if the words of Ephesians 5:25 were inscribed on his heart.

The entire Broussard and Prince's family is forever grateful for the love and assistance that his friends, family, and caregivers provided to John in his final days.

John's funeral mass will be Thursday, September 23, 10:30 am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail. A visitation at 6:00 pm and Rosary service at 7:00 pm will be Wednesday, September 22, also at St. John Vianney. Visit <http://www.DettingFuneral.com> to leave words of condolence for the family.

Events

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

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St. John Vianney Catholic Church

625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX, US, 77079

SEP **Vigil/Rosary** 07:00PM

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SEP **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ May John and his family receive the love of the Lord at this time. Tom and Pattie Bailey

Tom and Pattie Bailey - September 30 at 12:52 PM



“ Angela Cook and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



Angela Cook and family - September 22 at 05:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear. John's mom and mine went to elementary school together. Though George was my classmate, John was usually involved in pick-up ballgames in the neighborhood. Got to visit with him years ago at the SW Fwy location, and had been intending to stop by Sharpstown. Regardless, the obit testifies to his character, of which a lifelong marriage is an infallible testimony. Thanks to Patti and John for the witness. I speak for my brothers and sisters who went to school with John and his siblings at St. Michael's and St. Thomas - may the happy memories far outnumber any sad ones, and be a source of God's consolation in the coming weeks and months. + Charlie Balsam, The Woodlands.

Charlie Balsam - September 22 at 04:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



September 22 at 09:08 AM



“ John was a fraternity brother at the Kappa Sigma house at UT, and an especially close friend of my brother, Tudey Teten, a pledge brother who also passed this summer, partners in many hijinks. Virginia and I regret we have to travel for family business this week and will miss John's funeral. We have no doubt that John's legions of friends will give him a great send-off on Thursday. Many hugs to Patti and we look forward to getting together soon. Much love, Paul and Virginia Teten

Paul Teten - September 21 at 11:16 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



September 21 at 05:46 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



September 21 at 11:57 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



September 21 at 11:48 AM



“ From: The Conroy Family in NJ purchased the Divine Light for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



From: The Conroy Family in NJ - September 21 at 11:46 AM



“ Sharon Linehan Pauley purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of John Koetting Broussard.



Sharon Linehan Pauley - September 21 at 10:55 AM



“ Our prayers go out for John and his family at this difficult time.I have many good memories of John that I will always keep.May God bless his soul.

Bob Tresch - September 21 at 08:31 AM