



## John Patrick Brophy

September 4, 1941 - August 23, 2019

John Patrick Brophy, age 77, born September 4, 1941 in Houston, Texas to Martin and Margaret Brophy, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, August 23, 2019, in Houston, Texas. John was preceded in death by both his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bertha Brophy; daughters, Janet and husband, Robert Barber, Karen and her husband, Greg Allen, and Bernadette and her husband, Chris Lee; seven grandchildren, Brandon and Lauren Lee, Alicia Davis, Shane Summers, and Caitlin, Colleen and Gillian Barber; four great-grandchildren, McKinley and Jolene Davis, Maverick Summers and Logan Bush. John also has three surviving siblings, Peggy Bush, Martin Brophy and Patricia Whitten.

Having grown up in the Heights area of Houston and graduating from St. Pius X High School, John enjoyed growing up on the corner of Heights Blvd. and 16th St. visiting with aunts and cousins.

John started with Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1962 and was given the choice of being a lineman or work inside the office. He said he tried being a lineman for one day and decided that the office was a better place for him. He became a dispatcher for the work crews and everyone enjoyed his assistance with requests for locating them close to where they were finishing for the

evening or starting the day off. This assistance earned him the nickname, "Nice Guy John," something he would remind you of every chance he got. In 1992, John retired from Southwestern Bell/AT&T after 30 years of service.

John was also a member of the Seafarers for many years, volunteering at the Houston International Seafarers' Center at the Port of Houston,

An avid World War II history buff, John often exclaimed, "That's the way we did it on Guadalcanal," even though he had never been to nor served there.

John supported various area schools through donations and was extremely proud of contributing to the Sierra Leone-Tupaddy for Education in the development of the country's education programs. He was a strong supporter of the United States military and International Partners.

He was also an avid participant in the annual Girl Scout Cookie drive, helping many a girl make their sales quota.

John could often be found working in his shed making wood decorations, ornaments, or yard signs for anyone and everyone who showed an interest.

He will be missed by the Texas Lottery and Coughatta Casino and Resort.

Most importantly, he loved playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John Brophy was a big man with an even bigger heart and sincerely wanted to help people.

A visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m., with Vigil to begin at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. A Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 10:00

a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2019. All services will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 6622 Haskell Street in Houston, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Theresa Catholic Church.