



John Fegan Howden

August 1, 1941 - April 18, 2015

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John F. Howden was born in El Paso, Texas on August 1, 1941, the third son of Frederick B. and Elizabeth Fegan Howden. He is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Frederick B. (Ted) Howden III, and Alfred Howden. John is survived by his loving wife, Olivia L. Howden, whom he married on May 9, 1963; son, Jeremy (wife Karen); daughter Deborah; and grandson, Remy.

John was born four months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Shortly after his birth, his father, who was the Rector at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Roswell and Regimental Chaplain with the 200th Coast Artillery, deployed with the New Mexico National Guard to the Philippines. When John was less than two years old, his father, who had survived the Bataan Death March, died in 1942 as a prisoner of war at Davao Penal Colony on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

John moved with his mother and older brother to Albuquerque in 1944 and spent most of his youth in the Albuquerque area. John graduated high school and Junior College at New Mexico Military Institute. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University in 1964.

John was inspired by the courage and patriotism of his father, and joined the U.S. Army, shortly after graduating from Stanford. He attained the rank of Captain and served one tour of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with first Bronze Service Star,

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star.

John began his professional career as a Real Estate Appraiser with Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan in 1971. He then formed his own Real Estate Appraisal Company, John F. Howden and Associates, Inc. in 1975. He was active in the real estate profession and held numerous professional designations, including MAI and SRPA. He stayed active as a real estate appraiser until earlier this year.

John loved his family, Olivia was his partner for 52 years. They created a life they loved. He was a history buff, loved reading, music and art. He found great peace in fishing the streams of Red River. But the most important part of his life was raising his children.

His strength and love came from his quiet faith and we know he is reunited with his family and at peace.

Services will be on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michaels and All Angels, 601 Montano Rd. NW, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to New Mexico Cancer Center Foundation, 4901 Lang Ave. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 828-3791.

Previous Events

Services

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
601 Montano Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM

Reception

MAY 1 (MT)

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
601 Montano Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

TH

“ John always had kind words and an easy going manner. He was not afraid to tackle challenging projects and he will be missed.

Tim House

Tim House - May 01, 2015 at 11:29 AM

CW

“ A fine human being. A great appraiser... I first met in 1976. Charlie Weaver

Charlie Weaver - April 30, 2015 at 08:50 AM

GC

“ John is one of the most important men in my life. During my early career as an appraiser, he was my mentor and my trusted friend. He had the confidence to hire me when I was inexperienced, and he stood by me for years afterwards. Even today, 30 years later, I called him for advise. I will miss John.

Gene Cavallo

Gene Cavallo - April 29, 2015 at 12:58 PM

BS

“ John was a great man. He was both a pleasure to work for and a joy to be around. He certainly brought positive change to my life. Thank you John, thank you for being you.

~Brady

Brady Sartin - April 27, 2015 at 12:09 PM

JH

“ John my cousin we played together as children attended the same elementary school. A big guy compared to me but never took advantage of his size except to step in if another kid was pushing me around he didn't have to do anything but tell that kid to back off. It was nice to have him around. WE didn't see each other much as adults we both got lost with our raising our children and making a career of work. Our last visit was at ST. Johns for his fathers memorial I enjoyed talking with him as I always have. God bless him and his family. Prayers for all of you Jim Howden



James Howden - April 26, 2015 at 07:25 PM

DF

John was a "True Gentleman". It was always a pleasure working with John and sitting on the first New Mexico Real Estate Appraisers Board together. He will be missed.

Dan Frady - May 01, 2015 at 12:48 PM

CU

I first met John in 1966, when I reported to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regt in Bamberg, Germany. As a new 2nd Lieutenant, and he a Captain, he was a mentor to us all as we new officers in the Army needed and found someone to emulate. As the only Captain in the Squadron, he took us all under his wing and led us to become technically and tactically capable officers. He and his wife Olivia taught us and our wives how to be productive members of the Army community and for that we were all grateful. I know he will be missed by his family and his community. I salute you John.

Bob Whitton

Col Robert W. Whitton, USA(Ret) - July 21, 2015 at 03:18 PM

LE

I too knew John (and Olivia) in the 2nd Armored Cavalry in Bamberg, Germany. I was E- Troop commander and John was our S3 (Plans, Operations and training). He was the head of a Special Court Martial in which I was the defense "attorney." He was very fair and instructive in helping us Lieutenants get our feet on the ground. I "won" the case for my "client", a black soldier, who was charged with assault of a German woman. He was innocent (mistaken identity). John congratulated me after for doing such a good job of digging up the facts and witnesses. I admired his enthusiasm for pursuing any mission with both passion and compassion.

*Les Evjen
Black Hills, South Dakota*

Les Evjen - July 21, 2015 at 05:07 PM