



John Eric Roper

July 9, 1948 - August 23, 2023

John Eric Roper, 75, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at home with his family by his side.

He was born July 9, 1948, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and spent his High School years in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He joined the Navy immediately after High School and retired from the Navy Reserves as Aviation Ordnance Chief Petty Officer Squadron VP-94. He spent years in Rainsville, Alabama, where he was instrumental in establishing Central Church of Christ along with Roper Insurance Agency and Roper's Hamburgers. After moving to Huntsville, Alabama in 1982, he received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Athens State University. He worked on US Military Ground Missile Defense Programs with CAS, Inc, Teledyne Brown Engineering, Boeing and recently retired from Davidson Technologies. He was an active member with the First Baptist Church, Guntersville, Alabama, where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Dee Singleton Roper, his daughter Stacy Perry (Greg), his son Eric Roper(Tracy), his bonus daughter Paige Singleton and bonus son Rick Singleton (Cristal). Eight grandchildren: Lindsey Curtis(Bryce), Haylee Singleton, Jordan Singleton, Addy Roper, Bryce Roper, Ashlyn Roper, Spencer Perry (Morgan) and Chase Perry. He had one great grandson: Jackson Roper Whitt. His loving sister; Jackie Rudolph and her children Lisa Smith (Eric), Mark Rudolph (Julie) and Judy Roper (mother of his

children).

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Madeline Stovall Roper, Ardmore, Tennessee.

Many have known John Roper in a variety of different roles: daddy, husband, uncle, grandfather, brother and a great friend. The ones who called him Poppy and John-Boy experienced an unbreakable bond of love, honor, devotion and appreciate the significance he has had in their life.

He loved life and his family. His smile and laughter could light up a room and make everyone feel like they were special to him...and they were.

He loved hunting, fishing and cooking an enormous breakfast over the campfire.

He had a love for old movies and the high standards the characters set for men and women.

He loved his country, John Wayne and Alabama football.

He could fix almost anything if he had a big enough roll of Duct Tape.

If you were his friend yesterday, he would be your friend tomorrow. He never changed.

John has spent his life in service to his God and his life was a living example of Ephesians 4:32 - "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, August 27 at 1:30pm at the First Baptist Church, Guntersville, Alabama. Visitation will begin at 12pm. A military honor guard will conclude graveside services at 3pm at Guntersville City Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Guntersville Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to the Gideons International or Shepard's Cove Hospice.

He is no longer physically here but he lives on in the heart of so many. Someday we will meet again and we will not be separated by time and place. But until that day we will find comfort in having him securely tucked away in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Guntersville City Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

Guntersville City Cemetery

Tribute Wall

SA

“ John was a great Chief Petty Officer, a good friend and just a great person. He giuded many a young sailor in the right direction. He loved the lord, his country, and family. John was a proud member of the VP-94 ordnance load team. We had many great conversations and laughs together. (especially about homemade ice cream) We will miss you John. Fair winds and following seas.
Senoir Chief Sam Andrews VP-94 Ret

Samuel Andrews - August 27, 2023 at 04:57 PM

DG

“ I always loved John. He loved the Lord. I can remember when I went to Gideon meeting and he was there he always wanted to share Jesus to everyone. When I became Area Director he was helpful getting familiar with his local camp. I took my wife to a Celebrators conference in Pigeon Forge for her birthday 2 or 3 years ago. Mike Pence was there. Who would I see there but John and several other members of his Sunday School class. John will be missed but we will see him again.
David Gatlin

David Gatlin - August 26, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ John was a Great Guy!, even though I haven't seen him for a while just knowing he was still around I knew that if there was Anything I needed all I had to do was call and He would be there. He will always be a a very dear friend and I'll miss him.
John Burns

John Burns - August 26, 2023 at 09:10 AM

MP

“ To the family of John Roper. Please accept our condolences for your loss. John will be greatly missed, his smile and great laugh. I new John for many years in VP-94 and had many great times. Just a wonderful person. Master Chief Mike Pinkley & Family.

mike pinkley - August 25, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Eric Roper.



August 25, 2023 at 01:18 PM

AR

“ John was my Shipmate and one of my Squadron “brothers” in VP-94. A fellow Chief Petty Officer, John led the way in mentoring many squadron members, enjoying our liberties in foreign countries, and always being there when needed. Although he’s no longer with us, his laughter, bright smile, and can-do attitude will remain in our hearts forever. Rest easy Brother. We have the watch. Prayers and comfort for your family.

ATC (AW/NAC) Mary Vernoy USNR RET - August 25, 2023 at 10:37 AM

BB

“ Much Love and Blessings to a Wonderful Family 🙏💜❤️ May GOD get you through such a difficult heartbreak

Barbara Bland - August 25, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DD

“ He was also called Chief by a whole squadron of VP94 Crawfishers. He'll surely will be missed.
Fair Winds and Following Seas
We have the watch

Donald DeHarde - August 25, 2023 at 02:10 AM

CS

“ Very sorry to hear this news. Dee, our thoughts and prayers to you and to all of your family members from your friends at the Gadsden Public Library. Craig

Craig Scott - August 24, 2023 at 08:56 PM

DM

“ Stacy and Family. So very sorry about the passing of your father, husband, grandfather and friend. May the loving memories he left with you comfort you always especially in the coming days. With deepest sympathies and prayers for comfort.

Daren Marshall
Nashville, TN



Daren Marshall - August 24, 2023 at 08:53 PM

BS

“ To one of the wisest and honorable men I ever had the privilege of working alongside at Schriever AFB. John was truly a joy to be around. His family meant the world to him. So many memories. It was a honor to know and work with Mr RITE.

My deepest condolences to his family.

Brooks Stratton - August 24, 2023 at 05:32 PM

AL

“ We met Poppy thirty-four years ago. We met him with a huge smile on his face. He and Judy were about to become grandparents, we were on the receiving side of having the opportunity to also be the grandparents of our most wonderful gift. Our Lindsey was boned a few months later, she is our joy and pleasure of this world. Thank you, Poppy, for your dedication to your faith and the great example that inspired us to be better people! Your smile is engraved into our hearts forever, never to be forgotten. We hope one day to share your front porch in Heaven. We loved you dearly. Ronnie & "A" Lones

Ann Walling Lones - August 24, 2023 at 04:50 PM

LB

“ John and I, took our families camping one weekend, about 40 years ago. I believe it rained most of the evening and night. We didn't let that hinder us from trying to build a camp fire. With the girls and kids in the tents,
we sat under umbrellas with
his torch trying to lit that campfire, telling stories and spitting tobacco. I don't think we ever got it lit, but had a good time trying.
Larry Burgess.

Larry Burgess - August 24, 2023 at 03:48 PM