



John C. Playter

June 4, 1918 - March 6, 2009

John C. Playter passed away on Friday, March 6, 2009 at Mt. Vernon Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, MO. He was born in Joplin, Missouri June 4, 1918 to Clarence Carpenter and Gertrude Hale Playter. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1935. He went on to attend Stanford University and graduated with a B.A. in Geology. He was called to active duty in July, 1941, serving in the Phillipine Islands. He was a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese for 2 1/2 years. Upon returning to the U.S., he was sent to O'Reilly Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, where he met Charlene Baggett. She was a volunteer serving returning U.S. soldiers. John and Charlene were married October 19, 1945 in Springfield. The couple lived in Colorado and Arizona for the next 5 years where John worked in silver mines. In 1950 they moved to Goodson, Missouri to manage a family turkey farm. In 1960 John and Charlene moved to Bolivar where he served as city manager until he retired in January, 1986. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene, who died in 1983. He is survived by two daughters, Jane Weiler and husband Joe of Berryton, Kansas and Phyllis Hamilton and husband, Larry of Liberty, Missouri. His grandchildren are Joey and Hannah Weiler of Berryton, Kansas and Michael Rumsey of Springfield, Missouri, Shelly and Mike Renft of Prairie Village, KS and Clay Hamilton of Palo Alto, CA. Great grandchildren are Taylor and Elliott Renft of Prairie Village, KS. John was a faithful member of Bolivar First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and was a choir member for many years. John was a

member of the Bolivar Rotary Club for over 50 years. In June, 2006 John moved from his home in Bolivar and became a resident of the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon. Funeral services will be at 11: 00 Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Bolivar First Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Leininger, Rev. Billy Russell and Rev. Harlan Spurgeon officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church. Donations in John s memory may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, the Veteran s of Foreign Wars, or the American Legion in care of Murray Funeral Home, P O Box 506, Bolivar, MO 65613.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Playter*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *John C. Playter*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear that Mr. Playter had passed away when it was mentioned Sunday at church. Both he and Mrs. Playter were important influences in my life. May God bless his soul. I will be praying for the family in this time of grief.*

Sandy (Branstetter) Foster and Family - March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane & Phyllis, Your father was a great person. He possessed such a kind spirit, always willing to help anyone. I will always remember the goodness shown to our family by your dad, and especially his friendship with my father. May God be with you, Bill Haralson*

William "Bill" Haralson - March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane and Phyllis, We cannot say or think enough good thoughts of your father! What a good man. We feel so fortunate to have been welcomed into his Apple Butter Family enough years ago to really appreciate the wonderful traditions he preserved for your family. Hold tight to all of your good memories for they will help sustain you in the tough days.*

Betsy and Ron - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ John's daughter Jane and I met in '94. Soon after I was invited to attend the yearly applebutter weekend. From the "get-go" John and I hit it off. He was always teasing me and calling me Dutchie. I was referred to as the "troubled middle child" - talking when I should have been listening. Some of my best times have been spent with John and his family on those special weekends. I am so glad I was able to see John still responding the day before he died. He was a great man.

Johanna - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jane & Phyllis, Your father was one of the kindest men that I ever met. May you be comforted by God's tender mercy. In sincere respect, John Hayter

John Hayter - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To Jane and Phyllis and your families, I will be lifting you up to God in my prayers to ask that your grief is tempered by sweet memories of your dad. He was truly a "man among men", known for his integrity, principles, wit, generosity, keen intelligence and, of course his love of his family. In the days ahead may your minds and hearts be flooded with the best and sweetest memories of the man that you knew as "Dad" and that I knew as one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever met.

Sandra Brown - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Our condolences to Jane and Phyllis and their families. John was and important positive figure in my early career. My respect and admiration for his integrity and principles runs deep. He was a man of God and I know that God has a place for him. May he rest in Peace and Love. David Krehbiel

David and Dana Krehbiel - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ To John, thank you for your kindness to our family and a special thank you for your service to our country. To John's family, you have my deepest sympathy. John was a wonderful man.

Dorothy Haralson Tur - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ With deepest sympathy of your families loss.

Cathy A. Haralson Bleggi - March 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM