



John Earl Creel

January 15, 1943 - December 15, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) John Earl Creel passed peacefully in the early morning hours of December 15, 2016, at the age of 73, after a lengthy illness. Visitation is scheduled at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2201 Washington Street on Saturday, December 17th 2016 from 9am-11:00am with funeral services immediately following. Interment will follow at Fisher United Methodist Church Cemetery at the corner of Highway 440 and Highway 1056.

A member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, he was predeceased by his father, Murray Newton Creel; mother, Corrine Dykes Creel; sister, Dorothy Jewel Creel; sister, Mary Frances Creel Statham and two infant children.

He was survived by his brother, James Newton Creel (Barbara) of Tickfaw; wife, Darlene Connell Hutson Creel of Franklinton; his three daughters, Shannon Lord and husband Richard of Louisburg, KS, Melissa Harding and husband Chris of Albuquerque, NM, Tiffany Creel of Baton Rouge and mothers of his children, Judith Kellogg and Gina Creel. Three grandchildren, Amber Hamilton and husband Mike; Jason Lord and fiancé Emily Gillespie; and Ava Creel. He was greatly anticipating the arrival of his great-granddaughter due on his birthday in January, Eleanor Elizabeth and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Renee Hutson Greer (Josh) and step-grandchildren, Aubrey, Emily and Dakota.

John attended and graduated from Northwestern University during his 33-year distinguished career in the U.S. Army/Louisiana National Guard. John retired

and became the Fleet Manager of General Services Administration for the states of West Virginia and Louisiana before retiring from the federal government, John returned to Franklinton upon retirement to enjoy the countryside, family and friendships from his youth. Since retiring, John became an entrepreneur selling goats, watermelons all the while running the roads with close friends; Donald Painter, Earl Spears and Kary Bourg. John could always count on neighbor, Jeremy Painter to help with odd jobs around the house and Trent Painter to entertain his grandchildren.

John's love, sense of humor and willingness to help anyone in need will be missed by all that knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Richard Murphy Hospice House, 1109 South Chestnut Street, Hammond, LA. 70403.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *What a classy man and good friend. Bill Joines*

Bill Joines - December 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM

ES

“ *My condolence to John's family members. We pray that God gives you the peace needed at this point in your lives. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. He was an outstanding officers and leader. He will be missed.*

Earl Santos (Col. Ret.)

Earl Santos - December 17, 2016 at 10:36 AM

MM

“ *I worked with LTC Creel at Camp Beauregard. LTC Creel was always a great friend and advisor who I respected very highly. I had the opportunity to see him in Marksville recently and we enjoyed our visit remembering the old times. Thank you LTC Creel for your friendship. Deepest sympathy to the family.*

Marc McNeal, Maj. (Ret)

Marc McNeal - December 16, 2016 at 08:46 PM

EG

“ *I know John will be missed by by all who knew him...he was very kind and he had a very caring heart. Elizabeth "Liz" Gibson.*

Elizabeth "Liz" Gibson - December 16, 2016 at 04:30 PM

DC

“ John and I first met at a GSA Managers' meeting 25 years ago. Harley Davidson motorcycles were a shared interest which got us to hanging out together. He was the only manager with a pony tail which I thought was cool. It wasn't long before we were calling each other regularly because we became such great friends. It also wasn't long before I grew a pony tail. John had an unique ability to connect with people. His management skills were enhanced because his peers, staff and customers respected and liked him so much. Our boss always knew he only had to make one phone call to reach both of us at meetings. Some of my best experiences in the last 25 years include John. Motorcycle rides, best fish I ever ate, laughing at my dog chasing Pedro up and down the fence line, listening to the night sounds on his patio while talking about life and so much more are priceless memories. R.I.P. my friend.

don carsten - December 16, 2016 at 04:19 PM

CC

I too have fond memories of a visit to John and Darlene's home in Franklinton a few years ago. John took me around the community there in his pickup truck and stopped at a friend's house just as they were harvesting fresh pure honey from their bee keeper hives. It was a fun, relaxing time and the two of them extended such hospitality to us and several friends that weekend as we enjoyed great red fish and great stories. We have only to remember his smile, his stories, and his loving nature to keep him forever in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Darlene and the rest of the family and all of his friends. May his memory comfort all. ~ Clara Carsten~

Clara Carsten - December 16, 2016 at 04:39 PM

CW

“ TAPS
LTC John E Creel

*Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.*

*Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky
As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh*



COL (Ret) Calvin & Jan Washispack - December 16, 2016 at 03:04 PM

“ John and I served together in the Louisiana National Guard. I always had high regards and respect for John. He was a true professional Soldier. I was in the 769th Engr Bn and he was in the 205th Engr Bn and we shared experiences and learned from each other. These words are fitting for John --

It is the “Soldier”

In Honor of LTC John E Creel, Louisiana National Guard

*It's the Soldier,
not the pastor/preacher, who has given us freedom of religion and
worship.*

*It's the Soldier,
not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It's the Soldier,
not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It's the Soldier,
not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble
and demonstrate.*

*It's the Soldier,
not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It's the Soldier,
not the politician, who has given us the right to vote, ensures our
right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.*

*It's the Soldier, Who salutes the Flag, who serves beneath the Flag
and whose coffin is draped by the Flag, who gives the protester the
right to burn the flag.*

*ETERNAL REST GRANT HIM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.*





COL (Ret) Calvin & Jan Washispack - December 16, 2016 at 03:01 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Charles Adcox - December 16, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet* was purchased for the family of **John Earl Creel**.



December 16, 2016 at 10:31 AM

LD

“ *John served the best, most wonderful Red Fish we have ever had the pleasure of eating. Heaven is in for a real treat! Rest In Peace John*

Lance and Ruth Dodson - December 16, 2016 at 09:37 AM



Sabrina Glaspie

“ *I can't even imagine the pain you must be going through and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. He loved his family so much. The world has lost one of the best men I have ever known. I worked for him but he treated me more like family than an employee. Thankfully, I had gotten to speak to him recently to ask his advice. I always knew John would give me the most honest advice with my best interest at heart. God bless you all.*

Sabrina Glaspie - December 16, 2016 at 07:42 AM

TI

*Hi Sabrina,
Thank you for the kind memories of Daddy. He spoke of you often and I know you were dear to him!
Tiffany Creel*

Tiffany - December 17, 2016 at 10:29 PM



Sabrina Glaspie

Thank you Tiffany. I loved your daddy. He was a such a southern gentleman. I will miss him always. I always told him at the end of every e-mail "I still miss you, Lulu". That was his nickname for me "Lulu". He gave that name to me years ago. What precious memories ya'll must have! My prayers are with each of you. Please take care and know that your daddy was so proud and adored each of you. I have never met another man who loved their kids like he did.

Sabrina Glaspie - December 20, 2016 at 08:59 AM

DM

“ *Such a kind man with a wonderful heart may Gods grace shine upon him and his family It was my privilege to make your acquaintance when I lived there and you will always be part of my fondest memories - I will treasure your generous spirit - helping me get settled in -- our field trip to New Orleans for an appointment with Darlene and Sandra. Rest now job well done - Doris " Faith" Moran*

Doris "Faith" Moran - December 16, 2016 at 04:48 AM

SH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Shannon - December 15, 2016 at 07:36 PM

TI

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Tiffany - December 15, 2016 at 07:12 PM

SF

“ SD Farm purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Earl Creel.



SD Farm - December 15, 2016 at 07:11 PM

MI

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Missy - December 15, 2016 at 06:47 PM