



John Nutt

March 29, 1935 - December 6, 2007

John William Nutt of North Little Rock, AR died December 6, 2007. A strong Christian faith, a very loving family, wonderful care-givers, and a courageous, unrelenting spirit have helped him through the ravages of rheumatoid arthritis and its complications. John was born in Little Rock on March 29, 1935 to Jack and Mildred Nutt. He grew up in Little Rock, attended and graduated from Little Rock High School in 1953 where he was one of the Wilsons Tigers- a group of former football players under the tutelage of Coach Wilson Matthews. He attended Arkansas Tech University and graduated in 1957 with a degree in Business Administration. John was a four year letterman in both football and baseball. He was inducted into the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction in 1973 and in 2005 was honored with the title of Presidential Fellow of Arkansas Tech University.

Upon Graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army and reported to Ft. Benning, GA where he successfully completed the Basis Infantry Officers course and the U.S. Army Rangers and Airborne schools. He served in Germany with the 11th Airborne Division, the 24th Infantry Division and in Lebanon with the 187th Airborne Infantry Battle Group.

After a disability retirement from the Army in 1963, John came back to Arkansas and went to work for the J.W. Nutt Company, a grain brokerage firm that his father founded in 1948. He loved his work and made many friends nationwide in the grain business and poultry industry over the years.

John enjoyed ?giving back? to his community, serving on various boards and

giving his time, talent and energy to such groups as Arkansas Arthritis Foundation, Jones Eye Institute at UAMS, North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club, Arkansas Tech School of Business Advisory Board and Lakewood United Methodist Church where he was a member of the George Martin Sunday School class. John served on the North Little Rock School Board and felt very honored to be a 33rd degree Mason.

John coached many youth league sports and cherished the time spent teaching youngsters about competition and more importantly about the "game of life". Many of his athletes, as grown men, have expressed appreciation for the positive influence John Nutt had on their lives.

In addition to his parents, John was pre-deceased by his brother, Thomas E. Nutt and nephew Steve Thompson. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joie, and by his three children and their spouses, David and Lisa Nutt, Sharon and Scott Saunders and Kevin and Connie Nutt. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Melissa, Sarah, Laura, Mallory, Jenna, and Austin Nutt and Ashley and Courtney White, a nephew Tony Thompson and his family, the Steve Thompson family, and cousins; Jim Hopper, Sandy and Phyllis Nutt, James and Margaret Garner, Donald and Dana Hardman, Dinah Hamm Barnes, Calvin Nutt, Linda Blankenship, Tom Deere and family, Joan Wright and family whom he enjoyed sharing his growing up years with.

Memorials may be made to Arkansas Tech University Foundation, Russellville, AR or Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1922 Topf Road, North Little Rock, AR.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday at the Lakewood United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 P. M. Friday at the North Little Rock Funeral Home, 1921 Main, 758-1170. Online obituary and guest register at www.nlrffh.com.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ David, I'm sorry I didn't see the notice of the loss of your father at the time of his passing, I happened upon it while sending condolences to the family of one of our classmates, James Heavner, who has just passed. I can still picture your father vividly as he was when he coached us when we were very young. He was who I thought of when I heard "Coach Nutt" mentioned; which of course, I have heard LOTS of times in the past several years. I am so sorry for your loss, your father was a great person, that I had always admired.

Dennis Thigpen - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.
Beau Saunders and Family

Beau Saunders & family - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had not seen John since we graduated from LRHS together in 1953, but we are brothers together. As I watch the numbers of our class slowly dwindle, I feel closer to each remaining member. We are all family. For the family of a fine man, I would like to offer the words of wisdom written by the great poet John Donne some four hundred years ago:

Meditation XVII:

No man is an island...

"All mankind is of one author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated...As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon, calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come: so this bell calls us all: but how much more me, who am brought so near the door by this sickness....No man is an island, entire of itself...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Dr. Charlton Stanley - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Dear Sharon, it has been a long long time since I have seen or had the pleasure of talking with you. My mother told me about your father's passing and I wanted to send my thoughts and prayers your way. I remember your father as a nice person who loved you very much. My father passed away last summer so I do know you are going through a very sad time. I am thinking of you and your family.
Love, Nancy

Nancy Hampel Nolte - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Nutt family. John was a dynamic man that showed strength, courage and pride in everything he did. His charismatic personality touched many people including myself.*

KIM ROBERTSON - December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Joie and all the Nutt family:
I am so sorry I could be present to extend my sympathies to you. John was one of my heroes and I always held him in such high esteem. My thoughts and prayers are with you and please know that I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great and special man.
Mike McGibony*

Mike McGibony - December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your loved one. You are in my prayers.*

Denise Perry - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *John was a real gentleman and will be greatly missed by the many people fortunate to have known him. I especially looked forward to visiting with him at Wilson Tigers reunion each year.*

Stuart Perry - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Nutt family during their loss of a great man and a friend who I enjoyed being around and discussing razorback football and his playing days at central high school. May God continue to bless each one of you.*

Cedric & Valerie Marks - December 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our sincerest sympathy goes to the Nutt family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jo Rice and Terry Rice Clark - December 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Johnny Nutt family.*

Charles & Karon Rosa - December 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Dearest Joie, David, Kevin and Sharon,*

I was so sad to hear of John's passing. You know how much He meant to me for so many years. I am glad I was able to visit with him last summer.

My prayers are for all of you in this your hour of need.

Tom Skiles - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Our deepest sympathy is with your family during this difficult time.*

Coach & Mrs. Harold Tilley - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family, may God give you comfort during this Holiday Season.*

Sharon Jerrell - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Another Wilson Tiger,
Bill Floyd*

Bill Floyd - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Joie-my prayers are with you and your famaily at this time. I first met Johnny through Tom Ed and the band. I am sorry I cannot be in Little Rock for the service*

Jim McKinney

Jim McKinney - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Harley & I were so sorry to see Johnny's obituary in the paper today. We were former school mates with him at ATU -- Johnny & I had many classes together since we both majored in Business. We just wanted you to know that we are holding you & your family in our thoughts & prayers.*

Jo Niven Burke - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family, may God give you comfort during this Holiday Season.
Pilgrim's Pride / Tenaha Feedmill*

SANDY PARKS - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to David and the entire Nutt Family.*

John Houser - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *It has always been a pleasure to do busniess with JW Nutt and accociates. May God share his peace with you during this time.*

Paul wayne Beitler - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nutt family for the loss of a husband, father, grandfather and beloved friend. We did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nutt but we love Kevin and Connie and our hearts go out to the family at this sad time. Love Joe and Linda Binz.*

Joe & Linda Binz - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Joie, My thoughts are with you. I wish most that I could give you a big hug. Much love, Mary Bess*

Mary Bess Flack Mulhollan - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.
Tim and Sue Regan*

Tim and Sue Regan - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We share in the grief that you are experiencing. May God give you presence and peace.*

James and Charlotte Sewell - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

*Love,
Jamie Wetherington*

Jamie Wetherington - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved father and grandfather. Your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jeff & Tracy Davis - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM