



## John Ernest Irion

May 29, 1939 - January 8, 2018

John Irion of Ponchatoula, passed January 8, 2018, at the age of 78. John died as he lived, passionate about life, his Lord, and his wife Laurie. He chose to stop the agony of dialysis and lived his last weeks in the Richard Murphy Hospice House surrounded by friends and family. "Indomitable" is defined as refusing to give up or be defeated; this word truly typifies the spirit and person of John Irion. His sense of humor and zest for life carried him through his last 8 difficult years. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He was a native of New Orleans and a proud resident of Ponchatoula.

John was a civic activist having served as a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus; past grand knight of the Columbia/Tylertown Knights of Columbus; Civil Air Patrol; past chairman of Transit Connections Inc.; chairman of Crime Stoppers and one of the founders of the statewide Crime Stoppers Association; member of the Ponchatoula Historic Commission; a Manchac Port Commissioner; parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, having served as a Eucharistic Minister; North Oaks Hospice Volunteer; CASA Volunteer; and past chairman of the Tangipahoa Parish Republican Committee. He was also a veteran of the Air Force and National Guard.

John is survived by his loving wife, Laurie Davidson Irion; daughter, Amelia Irion; step-son, Crispin Schroeder and wife Dina; granddaughter, Tevia Schroeder; grandson, Ezra Schroeder; twin brother, Millard Irion; and his sister, Janet Fedders.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur L. Irion and Isabel Cox Irion.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations may be made to Glenn Beck's Nazarene Project Fund at <http://thenazarenefund.org/>, or to Richard Murphy Hospice House of Hammond.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend the Visitation at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m., Father Cayet Mangiaracina will officiate the service with interment to follow at Sand Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Sandhill Cemetery**

Sandhill Cemetery Road  
Ponchatouola, LA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our sincere condolences for the passing of Mr. John Irion. His history with Crime Stoppers is one for the family to be proud of. Our board and staff send our appreciation and future peace and blessings to his family.

*Jodie Rohner, CEO/ED, Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa Board and Staff*

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**Vicky Blaze, ADM CST** - January 12, 2018 at 12:07 PM

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“ Hi, John was a big part of my CAP time. He was a senior when I was a cadet . I remember him well from meetings and encampments. He was a person of integrity. I have a few pictures of him if you would like them. Many healing prayers for your loss.  
*Cyndy DeDual Brewer . Travntrek@hotmail.com*

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**Cyndy Brewer** - January 11, 2018 at 12:22 PM