



## John D Warmbrod

June 26, 1932 - May 27, 2020

John David Warmbrod, age 87, of Belvidere, TN, was welcomed into Heaven on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at his residence, spending his final days of this life surrounded by his treasured family.

Mr. Warmbrod was born in Belvidere, Tennessee on June 26, 1932, to the late John Earl (Chick) and Mary Lou (Osborne) Warmbrod. He graduated from Franklin County High School in 1950 where he played football. He joined the Navy on December 27, 1950. He served aboard the Ship USS Bexar-APA 237 which was stationed in San Diego with deployments to Hawaii, Hong Kong, and Manila during the Korean War. He served until October 1954 when he returned to Franklin County. He married Miss Bettye Joyce Swann on June 11, 1955. He graduated from MTSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958 and a Master of Arts degree in mathematics from the University of Alabama in 1962, with his thesis being, "An Analysis of a System of Differential Equations." Mr. Warmbrod began his professional career at Brown Engineering and during his career was a consultant for Remtech. The majority of his professional life was spent with NASA where he was one of the charter members of the Marshall Space Flight Center. He retired from NASA in 1997 after over 30 years there as an aerospace engineer, during the Apollo and Space Shuttle Programs. His work involved determining and analyzing the pressures and temperatures of the heat shields of the orbiter sections and reusable boosters during separation and re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, the possible effects of the interaction of the exhaust gases, and the shock wave interactions from the rocket motors of the shuttle. Mr. Warmbrod received many awards during his NASA career including the Exceptional Service Medal and First Shuttle Flight Achievement Award. He was also selected as a Space Flight Honoree where John and Bettye were invited to view a shuttle launch from Kennedy Space Flight Center.

Known by many friends as Johnny, he was extremely outgoing and made friends everywhere he went, with his larger than life personality. He was an animal lover and truly a modern-day cowboy. He grew up loving and riding Tennessee Walking Horses. Johnny attended every Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in Shelbyville from its beginning in 1939 when his Dad showed in the very first Celebration, missing only during his years spent serving in the Navy. As dearly as he enjoyed the horse shows, Johnny also

thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years on many trail rides. He also loved his bird dogs and quail hunting. He trained, trialed, and judged bird dogs for American Field horseback trials across Tennessee and Alabama. He was an avid fisherman as well with many of his trophies mounted on the walls of his cabin, Johnny's Place.

He was a dedicated lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Winchester. He was a member, a former teacher, and a former president of the Friendship Sunday School Class. He served on numerous committees in varying capacities at FUMC, including serving as treasurer on the finance committee and chairing the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Earl and Mary Lou Warmbrod and nephew, Troy Warmbrod. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bettye Swann Warmbrod; daughters, Barbara "Babs" Feaster and her husband Joe and Sharon "Sheri" Gamble and her husband Jeff; granddaughters, Rachel Crossland and her husband Travis and Amber Heath and her husband Max; great-grandchildren, Chloe Crossland, Maxwell Heath, and Elizabeth "Libby" Heath; sister, Julia Warmbrod (all of the above of Belvidere); brother, Joe Warmbrod and his wife Anita (of Greeley, CO); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, the late Billy Joe Swann and his wife Joan (of Winchester), Barbara Weaver (of Decherd), and the late Jimmy D. Swann and his wife Stephanie (of Decherd); nephews, Eric Warmbrod (of Windsor, CO) and his wife Lori, Terry Weaver and his wife Leslie (of Gunter, TX), Stephen Swann and his wife Mary (of Decherd), and Jedd Swann and his wife Meredith (of Decherd); nieces, Cindy Chambless and her husband Don (of Jacksonville, FL), Wendi Weaver (of Decherd), and Joanna Miller and her husband Clifton (of Belvidere); 7 great nephews; 4 great nieces; 4 great-great nephews; and so many very special friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, at the family cemetery. He will be laid to rest at his beloved farm in Belvidere.

Everyone is welcome; however, due to Covid-19 and CDC guidelines, the family asks that you please try your best to remember to maintain the recommended social distance and refrain from any hugs or other close physical contact at this time.

Donations may be made in his memory to the building fund at First United Methodist Church of Winchester.

# Cemetery

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## Family Cemetery

656 Farris Lane

Belvidere, TN, 37306

# Events

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**JUN** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Family Cemetery

656 Farris Lane, Belvidere, TN, US, 37306

# Comments

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“ May the memories you shared with your loved one give you comfort during this difficult time.

With Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. If we can be of any assistance, please come by our office.

Bobby, Michelle and Dana

Franklin County Veterans Services 839 Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester, TN 37398  
931-967-9322



Franklin County Veteran Services - June 02 at 09:28 AM

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“ Heaven has received a very wonderful man. Thank you uncle Johnny for all of my childhood memories. I will never forget the adventure stories of Princess and Barfy, helping you feed the horses, picking blackberries and corn and my aunt Wendi and I taking turns scratching your head. I love you with all of my heart you are in a better place, you will be missed and forever loved by many! My condolences to my dear aunt Bettye, cousins and family

Cori Graves (great neicd) - May 30 at 02:49 PM

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“ Johnny, Rambo, was a great person & a GREAT friend for many years he & I spent many adventures together. I gave him the name Rambo because as we were building his chicken houses, John would stop by in his shorts and a bandana wrapped around his forehead thus earning the name Rambo!!

Sorry I can't be there as my daughter is having surgery in Florida...R.I.P. my friend, you will be missed immensely....

Tommy Steele

Tom Steele - May 30 at 09:32 AM

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“ Johnny Warmbrod was a fine man. So sad for the family.

**rachel carson** - May 29 at 09:33 PM

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“ Mr. Johnny graciously agreed to volunteer his time and efforts by spending one week promoting Winchester in Foley Alabama. Never has one person made such an impact on me in such a short amount of time. It was like we had known each other forever. He never hesitated to tell me when he thought I was doing good or when he thought I needed to do better. I appreciated his honesty. His stories of things he had done amazed me. We started off right when he found out I loved Tennessee Walking Horses and loved going to the Celebration. He was a treasure to so many people and to his community. My prayers are with his family and friends as I know there will be a void that no one else can fill.

**Beth Rhoton** - May 29 at 03:38 PM

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“ When I first started attending Winchester FUMC, we were trying to get an 8:30 service choir together. Mr. Warmbrod invited me to participate even though I can't really carry a tune! He was so encouraging to everyone. So we lifted a joyful noise unto the Lord!!  
Wanda Sanders

**Wanda Sanders** - May 29 at 03:20 PM



“ The front row of the Friendship class of Winchester FUMC will never be the same. I will miss seeing his smiling face on Sunday mornings. My prayers go out to Bettye and the family.

**caroline Dennis** - May 30 at 09:24 AM



“ such a sweet dear man, always friendly, he will be greatly missed.

**Edith Nunley** - June 02 at 09:53 PM