



# Mr. John C. "PaPa" DeLeon

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## **Mr. John C. "PaPa" DeLeon**

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**J**ohn C. DeLeon passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the age of 70. He was born on January 16, 1949 in Galveston, TX where he remained for over 20 years. He loved the beach and growing up near the water. He attended Galveston Ball High School where he was a standout athlete. He played baseball, football, basketball and ran track. His basketball skills earned him the nickname "gunner". John was so good at baseball that he was playing semi-pro at age 16 against 20 year-olds. The Brooklyn Dodgers offered him a bus ticket to go tryout, but he respectfully declined. That was a decision he talked about to this day but never regretted because, had he gone, he may never have met the love of his life. John met Linda when he got a job working at Kentucky Fried Chicken, the "chicken store", that Linda's dad owned in Galveston. The two fell in love and married a year later on July 29, 1967. They enjoyed spending time with each other and even bowled in a league where they won several trophies. John was also the lead singer of a band called "The Impossibles". They quickly started their family when Cathy was born, followed by the birth of Joe two years later. John was so proud of his kids and loved his family. They moved to Clute in 1972 where John went to work for Dow Chemical. He also stayed active with his love of sports by playing in a men's softball league. After several years at Dow, John and Linda went back to their "chicken store" roots and took over the Kentucky Fried Chicken in Lake Jackson. He also started coaching Joe in Clute Little League Baseball at this time. John was a very successful coach who focused on the fundamentals. He took two 10 year-olds straight from Pee Wee up to the Majors and was given a team who had finished in last place for the previous three years. He battled for 1st place the next two years with this team and finally won it the third year. In 1983 they sold the "chicken store" and moved to Pearland, which is where they settled to this day. John coached Joe in the Pearland Senior League and served as a director for several years on the Pearland Little League board. He loved being a



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father and a husband, raising his kids and was happy when Cathy and Joe married Said and Shari. In 1997 Tanner and Zack were born and John became "PaPa", his favorite job of all time. Parker and Hannah were born in 2000 and Conner was born in 2003. He called them his 4 kings and 1 queen. PaPa was so proud of his grandkids and rarely missed one of their activities. He was a pillar in the sports community and a constant figure in the bleachers and on the sidelines. He voiced his opinion and everyone knew PaPa, even the coaches, umpires and referees. PaPa instilled in his grandkids the value of what it meant to be a family. He always spoke about being there for one another and having each other's backs. Family first was his motto and he made that clear to everyone. We made sure that his family was by his side when our dear Jesus called him home. PaPa was a God-loving man and we know that he is looking down on all of us with love and pride now from Heaven.

John was preceded in death by his father, John DeLeon, his mother, Carrie DeLeon, and his sister, Carrie Ann DeLeon.

John leaves behind to cherish his memories: wife, Linda DeLeon; daughter, Cathy Tekrouri and husband Said; son, Joe DeLeon and wife Shari; grandchildren, Tanner DeLeon, Zack Tekrouri, Parker DeLeon, Hannah Tekrouri, and Conner DeLeon; numerous other family members and many friends.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Saturday**, February 9, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

**South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



## Funeral Service

**Saturday**, February 9, 2019

2:00 PM CT

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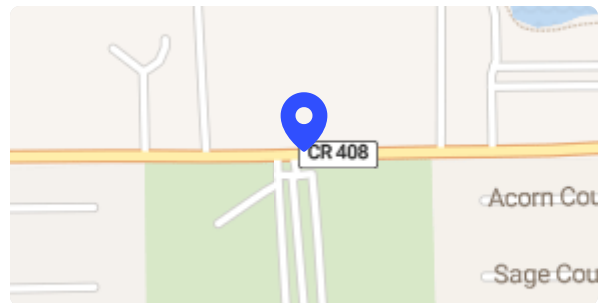


## Reception

**Saturday**, February 9, 2019

3:30 PM CT

**Pearland Area Dad's Club**  
5522 Fite Rd., Pearland TX 77584





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**South Park Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Video**.



February 11 at 8:21 AM



**Cindy Jaramillo Gatica** posted:

Sending my deepest condolences. May God hold ya'll in his loving arms. As your family goes through trying time. Sending love to Linda, son ,daughter & his beautiful grandchildren. God bless Cindy Jaramillo Gatica

February 9 at 8:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the DeLeon family.



February 9 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the DeLeon family.



February 9 at 6:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the DeLeon family.



February 8 at 5:44 PM



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**Meta Kirby** posted:

To Linda DeLeon and family: My son, Lowell, and I were deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. What a wonderful and kind person John was, and he brought somuch joy and love to those around him. He was a shining light that will be missed by many. We pray that God will grant you the peace and comfort that only He can give andwhich all of you so justly deserve during this very difficult time.It was evident that you and John shared a strong marriage and were very "familyoriented." We know it will be hard on you and your family, but you have to rememberthe good times and the memories which are now safely stored in your hearts. Wecannot begin to understand what you must be going through, but we send ourlove and our promise to pray for you and your entire family. Try to look for somethingpositive in every day even if some days you have to look a little harder. Just takea deep breath, and remember, "It's just a bad day, not a bad life."Those we love never go away--they walk beside us every day. We pray that youand your family find the courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss.Blessings,Meta & Lowell Kirby

February 8 at 11:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the DeLeon family.



February 8 at 9:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the DeLeon family.



February 8 at 7:49 AM

AK

**Albert & Sandra Kopesky** sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the DeLeon family.



February 8 at 4:36 AM

KB

**Kathy Bradley** posted:

John, your family meant the world to you and it was wonderful to see that. Now I have nobody to fight with or call me "crazy".

February 7 at 6:57 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the DeLeon family.

February 7 at 5:38 AM



**Usa Fastener Group** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the DeLeon family.

February 7 at 4:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the DeLeon family.

February 7 at 4:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the DeLeon family.

February 6 at 4:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the DeLeon family.

February 6 at 11:49 AM



**Betty & Manuel Gamboa** lit a candle in honor of John.

Linda and family our hearts are saddened and heartbroken to hear of John's passing...It was far too soon...I know it's no consolation, but may y'all find peace and comfort in the wonderful years of cherished memories you've shared together...May god's love and warmth surround you and the family and see you through these trying times, and give you the strength and courage to carry on....We love y'all dearly....RIP John "PaPa" You will be sorely missed...

February 6 at 10:05 AM





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**Michael A Varela & Stella Ramirez Varela** posted:

Our love and condolences go out to the De Leon family. John was my first cousin and I remember the memories of us visiting his family on 14th street, where they lived by Mr Layers store which is no longer there. I remember always going to the beach where he sang and played with his band. The cousins knew him as Frog which was a nickname they gave him. As first cousins, we were all very close family. I will miss him, but not forget the memories that we shared as family. Big Grandma was his guardian angel, especially when he was in trouble with his mother Carrie. Big grandma saved him from getting his spanking from his mom. The DeLeon's were a wonderful family and know share their lives together in Heaven. Until we see you again, I ask God to give Linda and her children and grand children the strength to grieve and cherish the special memories of her husband. The legacy goes on



February 6 at 8:03 AM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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