



## John Tilley

September 11, 1929 - March 28, 2011

A life celebration will be held for John Tilley, Jr., 81, of Roswell, NM, on Saturday, April 9, 2011, 11:00 am, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. He passed away Monday, March 28, 2011 in the comfort of his home in Roswell, NM. John Tilley, the son of Hercel and Ennis Belle Birchfield Tilley, was born September 11, 1929, in southern West Virginia in the sawmill community of Maben. He grew up in the coal mining towns of Bud-Alpoca. He enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1947, and in early September of 1948 flew from Goosebay, Labrador, in a B-29 Bomber with the legendary Charles A, Lindberg at the controls, to Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico, John was assigned overseas seven times and retired in 1967 as a Master Sergeant. He enjoyed writing, coon hunting, horses, fishing, and is a past member of the Authors Guild. John is the author of The Tom Jack, Tubar and Expose: The Roswell Incident, Corona Crash. He is survived by his wife Margaret, son Larry and wife Ruth Tilley, Arlington, Texas, daughters Charlotte and husband Fred Hopper, Albuquerque; Lois and husband Rambert Waid, Roswell, 1 brother and 5 sisters, 9 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by wife Inez Pauline Tilley, granddaughter Bonnie Rhoades, his parents and 8 brothers and 1 sister.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Cancer Society in honor of John Tilley. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home

and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Tilley*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Dear Family, I was privileged to work with John through Sunwest Bank for several years. We thought the world of him and enjoyed his sense humor and literary talent. We will miss him and pray for your family. Sincerely, Billie Jo Divis*

**Billie Jo Divis** - April 08, 2011 at 03:30 PM



“ *It is my understanding that John arrived in Roswell the same day I did in 1947. By my earliest recollection of him he had already met and married my older sister, Inez. Because he was part of my life for all of my life I always considered him my "real" brother. I will miss him.*

**Brent and Karen Lamkin** - April 08, 2011 at 11:49 AM



“ *Margaret, I am so sorry for the loss of John. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you strength and peace during this most difficult time. If you need anything, please let me know. Love you!*  
*Louise Sigala Chiropractic Center*

**Louise Sigala** - April 07, 2011 at 11:38 PM

TL

“ Margaret, I have missed seeing you and John in the clinic this past year. I really enjoyed talking with you both. It was an honor getting to know you. I am so sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Toni Lynch** - April 07, 2011 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ Margaret and family,  
John was a wonderful, dear man and everyone I know that knew him feels the same. He will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers are with you.

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**Linda & Ben Cole** - April 06, 2011 at 06:34 PM

JG

“ We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. I will miss his calls, I always enjoyed talking with him. We will keep your family in our prayers. Love, Jack & Christol.

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**Jackie & Emily Gillispie** - April 06, 2011 at 04:58 PM

GN

“ We are going to miss John very much. Especially George, He and John pretty much grew up together from the time John was 18 and George was 17. They were were in the service together and in the same barricks. They went with and both married girls from Dexter. Margetet we are keeping you in our prayers and we love you. If you need us just call.

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**George & Floy Newling** - April 06, 2011 at 04:57 PM

JW

“ Margaret, You know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. You were such a blessing to John ... don't know what he would have done without you. We do not talk often but you know that I am always here if you need me. Love, Julie

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**Julie Whitcamp** - April 06, 2011 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ I had heard how sick John was just recently. I may not be able to attend the services Saturday but I wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you now and in the future. Let me hear from you.

Jerry

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**Jerry Stone** - April 06, 2011 at 09:26 AM

FC

“ Margaret, may God comfort you at this difficult time and in the weeks ahead. Please let us know if we can help in any way. First Baptist Church family

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**First Baptist Church** - April 06, 2011 at 09:23 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all, Johnny, Leona, Dale and Justin

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**Dale Stockard** - April 04, 2011 at 08:59 PM

RF

“ Margaret, I want to share my prayers with you and your family. I was very blessed to get to know you and John through the credit union. He was a man full of knowledge and I loved visiting with you both.

Rita

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**Rita Fisher** - April 01, 2011 at 07:43 PM