



Mr. John William "JW" Parsons Jr.

February 13, 1945 - May 22, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. John William "JW" Parsons Jr, 80, of Tatum, will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 26, 2025, at Trinity Baptist Church in Lakeport with Pastor Murry Kimball and Pastor Richard Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Tatum Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time on Monday, May 26, at the church.

Mr. Parsons passed from this life on May 22, 2025, in a Longview hospital. He was born February 13, 1945, in Pittsburg, Texas to the late John Sr. and Hazel (Dockery) Parsons and has lived in Tatum since 1970. Mr. Parsons served his country honorably during Vietnam with the Navy Seabees and went on to a long career with Texas Utilities where he retired as Maintenance Supervisor. He was a founding member of the Tatum Volunteer Fire Department and also a member of the Lion's Club. When away from work and after retirement, you could find JW working in the shop. He also enjoyed fishing and camping in the RV. He was a big Tatum Eagles sports fan and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Parsons has been a long-time member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lakeport.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Louise

Battles and husband Frank, and brother-in-law Ray Vincent.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Gwen Parsons of Tatum; sons, John Alton Parsons and wife Debbie with grandsons Ryan and Brandon of Leander, and Wade Parsons and wife Staci with grandchildren Madelyn and Jacob of Georgetown; brother, Joe Parsons and wife Peggy of Tatum; sister-in-law, Kay Vincent of Tatum; nieces and nephew, Joni, Julie, Gina, Christy, Camille, and Mark, as well as a host of great-nieces and nephews, other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Parsons, Ryan Parsons, Brandon Parsons, Matt McCracken, Andy Spiller, and Brett Carr. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ed Davison, Mark Parsons, Bobby Nichols, Bob Woods, Buddy Box, Buddy Sullivan, James Hewitt, and Don Goodson.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Tatum Cemetery

Tatum, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
5041 Estes Parkway
Lakeport, TX 75603

Service

MAY 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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5041 Estes Parkway
Lakeport, TX 75603

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John William "JW" Parsons Jr.*



Karen Shaffer - June 29, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *Debbie Ross lit a candle in memory of John William "JW" Parsons*



Debbie Ross - May 26, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DR

“ JW we are so blessed to have talked with you at the post office a few weeks back . Thank God for small towns where we visit as we check our mail or pick up a few groceries. When we walked into our first church as a married couple you are one that greeted us first . JW we loved you leading the music and being a worship leader at the First Christian Church in Tatum many years ago . Kenneth still remembers when he helped coach Johnny in little league he answered to the name little Johnny Parsons gave him “Lenonard”. We are proud to have been friends with you and your family for many years. One night in 1977 our friends from Kansas ended up stuck in your mom and dads yard Gwen and because of our acquaintance at Church your dad knew who we were and drove our friends from Kansas straight to our house. We had no home phone at this time !!! JW you and your family have always been a blessing to us and we pray for each and everyone that will be missing you . Thank you friend.
Sincerely, Kenneth & Debbie Ross

Debbie Ross - May 26, 2025 at 01:04 PM

MP

“ <https://youtu.be/vlll6E-qxZY?feature=shared>
memorial slideshow

Madelyn Parsons - May 26, 2025 at 12:26 AM

 Bonnie Haynes

“ What wonderful memories of a truly great Christian man! I will always remember John as a member of the "lunch bunch" Caregivers Sunday school class at Trinity. Looking forward to the next time I meet him in Eternity, Gwen.
Charley Haynes

Bonnie Haynes - May 25, 2025 at 11:25 PM

CN

“ I remember went I moved back to Tatum how much help John was to me with my son Matt. I could not have raised him without John and Gwen’s help. Wish I had got to spend more time with them in these later years but life gets away from us. Love your hold family.
Carol

Carol Ness - May 25, 2025 at 08:23 PM

KT

“ kay Trammell lit a candle in memory of John William "JW" Parsons



kay Trammell - May 25, 2025 at 06:11 PM

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“ brenda J gowan (LOE) lit a candle in memory of John William "JW" Parsons



brenda J gowan (LOE) - May 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

VA

“ Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of John William "JW" Parsons



Vernon Arthus - May 25, 2025 at 12:27 AM

JG

“ *I always enjoyed hearing him sing
Was always friendly and caring for his brothers and sisters in Christ
He will be missed*

Janie Gilland - May 24, 2025 at 03:18 PM

CL

“ *Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of
John William "JW" Parsons*



Charlotte Lockridge - May 24, 2025 at 10:52 AM

VA

“ *Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of John
William "JW" Parsons*



Vernon Arthus - May 22, 2025 at 11:27 PM