



John "Buddy" Edward Brennan

March 10, 2025

John Edward (Buddy) Brennan passed away peacefully at the age of 89 in Shenandoah, Texas on March 10, 2025 surrounded by generations of family after a courageous battle with colon cancer. He leaves behind an enduring legacy and will be remembered for his sense of humor, generosity, faithfulness, unwavering wisdom and devotion to his wife of 67 years, Mary Louise Brennan, and their six children, 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

John, born in the Bronx, New York to Margaret and James Brennan, was the younger brother of James (Jimmy) Brennan and quickly earned the nickname "Buddy" for his friendliness, engaging charm and easy grin. Buddy was proud of his Irish heritage, loyal to his Catholic faith and loved all sports, especially playing football. He attended Iona College in New Rochelle, New York where he graduated with a business marketing degree in 1957. He served in the Navy reserves for eight years while building a career in insurance that spanned more than four decades.

He met the love of his life Mary Louise Thomas in the Bronx, New York and married her at St. Lucy's Catholic Church on August 31, 1957. They welcomed and raised six children in Pittsburgh where they found community and camaraderie through service and their involvement with St. Louise de Marillac Church and school. Buddy combined his passion for family and sports by coaching football, basketball, baseball and girls softball, girls powderpuff, and later served as an official and swim team president.

When an opportunity arose in warm and sunny Texas, he relocated his family to Houston where he developed expertise in energy risk and insurance. Buddy and Louise created a warm and welcoming home with ever-open arms for large holiday gatherings, gamedays and celebrations overflowing with food and laughter. Buddy never met a stranger and was quick to make friends a drink or bowl of icecream. He especially delighted in epic Christmas mornings, going overboard with presents piled high and mountains of eggs benedict. Buddy and Louise also served DePelchin Children's Center in Houston and helped foster 27 children before their adoption. Buddy and Louise cherished family

vacations and memories made together with their children and grandchildren at the beach in Cape May, New Jersey and Florida and in Ireland.

Buddy set an example in many ways and leaves behind a legacy of family, service and faith. He is preceded in death by his parents Margaret and James Brennan and brother James (Jimmy) Brennan. He is survived by his children and their spouses Mary Lou and Jim Hawkins, Carol and Eric Osterman, Susan and Bill Osterhout, John and Christina Brennan, Jean and David Teague, Erin and Brian Gilmore, as well as grandchildren Ryan Hawkins, Emily Guigou, Madison Hawkins, Lisa Garner, Mandy Hixon, Matthew Osterman, Alayna Reynolds, Mason Brennan, Reece Brennan, Andrew Teague, Sarah Anglin, Harrison Teague, Thomas Gilmore, Daniel Gilmore and 13 great-grandchildren.

A mass and memorial service will be held at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Parish 26777 Glen Loch Dr The Woodlands, TX 77381 on March 28, 2025 at 10am, followed by a celebration of life. The service will be available livestream provided by the church via the following links: <https://www.youtube.com/ssjwoodlands>
<https://www.facebook.com/ssjwoodlands>

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Millennium Oncology and Memorial Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands. Those who wish may consider a donation in Buddy's honor to Meals on Wheels Montgomery County.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Brennan family during this difficult time. Following cremation and a Celebration of Life, Mr. Brennan's urn will be laid to rest at Magnolia Memorial Gardens, adjacent to Magnolia Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I can honestly say it was an honor to know this kind man and his beautiful wife. I enjoyed transporting them to their doctor appointments. Loved our conversations you will be missed Mr. Brennan. I will check on your wife as often as I can you rest in peace Sir in the arms Of Jesus see you one day on the other side. Ann Butler driver for Meals On Wheels I just recently retired.



Ann Butler - March 30, 2025 at 07:06 PM

DR

Louise,
Although it's been many years since we've connected your family has never left our minds. Our sincere condolences on Buddy's passing. He was friend, father figure and mentor for all those years we were neighbors. God bless know you're in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Don & Karen

Don Reimondo - April 08, 2025 at 10:37 AM

LO

Thank you Don and Karen. Very sweet message. We all had lots of fun times together. God bless you all. Love Louise and family.

Louise - April 20, 2025 at 11:37 AM

AC

“ To Louise and Family. Deepest sympathy from the Callanans. Jim,.Ann and Richard

Ann Callanan - March 28, 2025 at 12:55 PM

BT

“ A beautiful service for a wonderful man.
What a legacy!

Bill Thomas - March 28, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Buddy" Edward Brennan.



March 27, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Buddy" Edward Brennan.



March 24, 2025 at 11:37 PM

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“ Buddy,
You will certainly be missed by ALL the Brennan Clan. You were a great husband, Dad , Grandpop and Great Grand with a great wit and wonderful smile. Always great for a laugh who reached out to everyone to share your invaluable wisdom throughout the years.
You touched many, many lives and what a tremendous legacy that is .
You and Louise will be in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless, Rest in Peace,
Love,
Connie & Tom Field

Thomas D. Field - March 23, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LO

Thank you Tom and Connie.

Louise - April 20, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LB

“ Love NY Brennans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Buddy" Edward Brennan.

Love NY Brennans - March 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM

LB

“ Love NY Brennans purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John "Buddy" Edward Brennan.



Love NY Brennans - March 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM

PS

“ Uncle Buddy, you will be surely missed. I will always remember our laughter we shared during our conversations. The stories I loved to hear, especially about my father! You were my connection to him! My prayers go out to Aunt Louise and the rest of my cousins and their families.

Pat Schmitz - March 19, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LO

Thank you Pat and all family members. Love you. all. Louise and family.

Louise - April 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

JB

“ Rest in peace Uncle Buddy 🙏 I will miss our long distance calls. I always looked forward to them. You will truly be missed. praying for aunt Louise and the family

James F Brennan - March 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LO

So sweet Jimmy and Delores. Love you both.

Louise - April 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John "Buddy" Edward Brennan.



March 18, 2025 at 03:34 PM