



John Filar

February 18, 2026

John Filar, age 84 of Magnolia, passed away February 18, 2026.

As a young man in the early 1960's, he traveled to Houston and soon met Lily, his beloved late wife of 60 years, at the historic Bill Mraz dance hall. There they danced the nights away, fell in love and married in 1963.

He started a career as a firefighter for the Houston Fire Department in 1963 beginning as a chauffeur, later achieving the rank of Junior Captain. He retired in 2001 after 38.5 years of service.

They started a family in Houston and with his natural gifts of building or fixing almost anything, designed and built a home in Magnolia in the mid 1970's. He enjoyed fishing, camping and occasional water skiing and hunting. He was usually found outside fixing, washing, riding or tinkering on anything with a motor-- a car, truck, tractor, mower, 4-wheeler, even a pink moped. He would generously give his time to help others in need of his repair talents. His hobby was enjoying a good lotto scratch off.... or two or three.

He began his faith journey as a youth at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bremond, TX and later attended Assumption Catholic Church in Houston, TX where his 4 children were baptized. After the move to Magnolia, the family attended St. Anne's Catholic Church in Tomball, TX and in a short time they

became one of the founding families of St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church. He was a fixture in the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Club for many years.

As an 'empty nest' couple, 'Nana and Papa' enjoyed numerous gambling trips to Coushatta. He looked forward to countless church bazaars, holidays and family gatherings.

We rejoice as Papa has been called home to be with the Lord and join Nana again. He will be deeply missed by all those who love him and take comfort in knowing all who believe will see him again.

....."I am the resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;" John 11:25

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Gifts may be made in honor of John to St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church, Magnolia TX. <https://st-matthias.net/donate>

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to John's family and friends during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home
811 South Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355
(281) 356-3363
magnoliafh@yahoo.com
<https://magnoliafunerals.com>

Rosary

FEB **24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **25.** 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
302 Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Burial

FEB **25** (CT)

Magnolia Cemetery
18525 N 6th St
Magnolia, TX 77354

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Tony & Lavern Filar & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John Filar.



Tony & Lavern Filar & Family - February 24 at 10:58 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Filar.



February 24 at 09:21 AM

LF

“ Louise Demny, David Demny, Donna Rucker, Reagan & Garrett, James & Tina Demny, Michael & Ranee Demny & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Filar.



Louise Demny, David Demny, Donna Rucker, Reagan & Garrett, James & Tina Demny, Michael & Ranee Demny & Family - February 23 at 10:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Filar.*



February 21 at 11:05 PM



“ *Frances Wishkoski and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Filar.*



Frances Wishkoski and Family - February 21 at 04:17 PM



“ *Denise & Debbie House purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Filar.*



Denise & Debbie House - February 21 at 01:28 PM



“ *John was such a wonderful man! He was caring and had a great sense of humor. I know he is reunited with Lily in Heaven now! God keep you in peace during this time.*
Diane Flowers

Diane Flowers - February 20 at 12:55 PM

TO

“ *The OMG's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Filar.*



The OMG's - February 20 at 09:15 AM

LC

“ *Love from Chuck and Abby Carr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Filar.*



Love from Chuck and Abby Carr - February 19 at 11:38 PM

DA

“ *God's example of a great Family Man
We'll miss his wit and conversation
God bless you Friend*

David Arevalo - February 19 at 10:39 AM

VM

Uncle Johnny you were always so sweet to me. One of our last visits we both cried talking about our lost loved ones. May you rest in peace and you are once again with your soulmate and our Heavenly Father.

Vicki McDonald - February 19 at 02:55 PM

MG

7 - 1 Brother

Melvin Gessner - February 20 at 07:07 AM

JS

A life well loved by many is a life remembered with love. John is resting peacefully in Gods arms with Lily by his side.

Jack Mobley, Sr. - February 22 at 05:03 PM