



## John D. Emerson

June 17, 1963 - February 12, 2025

John Druey Emerson, age 61, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Hospice Family Care in Huntsville, AL. John was born in Morgan County, Alabama on June 17, 1963. His parents were Druey Abney (D.A.) Emerson and Irene Ann Humphrey Emerson. He and Susan Carter Emerson were married for over thirty-eight years. John was a high school graduate and had earned his technical degree. He worked as a Lead Mechanical Engineering Technician at Redstone Arsenal. He was a member of Life Gate Baptist Church where he previously led the song service. He enjoyed Alabama Football, grilling out and singing at his beloved church.

Family members left behind to cherish memories include his wife, Susan Carter Emerson; daughter, Whitney Emerson, mother, Irene Emerson; brother, Mark Emerson (Cam); nephews, Seth Emerson, and Brandon Emerson. John was preceded in death by his father, D.A. Emerson.

From 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Sunday, February 16, 2025 family, friends and guests will gather at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel to honor and recognize John's accomplishments and the powerful and positive influence he has been to all of us. The funeral service will be at Life Gate Baptist Church on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 2:00 pm. He will lie in state at the church for an hour prior to the funeral service. Brother Jeff Mims, Brother Kevin Connell and Brother Shawn Graves will conduct services. Pallbearers escorting John to his

final resting place in Arab Memorial Cemetery will be Bobby Hurst, Marty Stephens, Randy Putnam, Scott Howard, Tom Kress and George Ellis. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon and Seth Emerson. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel entrusted with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Lie-In-State

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Life Gate Baptist Church  
9253 U S Highway 231  
Arab, AL 35016

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Life Gate Baptist Church  
9253 U S Highway 231  
Arab, AL 35016



# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I only recently learned of John's passing, and I am sorry. In the mid-1980s, I came to preach for BRo. D. A. Lifegate, and met John then. He was like a brother to me, as I came back many times through the years. He called me maybe a year ago, and we had a great conversation. My love and prayers to Irene and the family. Heaven grows sweeter, and the brightness of this earth grows dimmer until one day heaven will hold it all. Dr. Michael A. Smith

Michael Adger Smith - July 05, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ I didn't really know John, but enjoyed his banter anytime I went down to his office. Sorry for your loss.

Jeremy Belcher - February 24, 2025 at 05:26 PM

BR

“ I enjoyed working with John over the years. His work ethic was solid, and he was always putting smiles on faces cutting up with his teammates.

Bradley Randall - February 19, 2025 at 12:11 AM

TI

“ John will be sorely missed. I worked with John for over 20 years and he was very skilled and proficient at what he did. He had a great attitude and was always welcoming and easy to work with.

Temitope Isibor - February 17, 2025 at 11:09 AM

BR

I agree Temi! Great teammate.

Bradley Randall - February 19, 2025 at 12:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Emerson.

February 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM



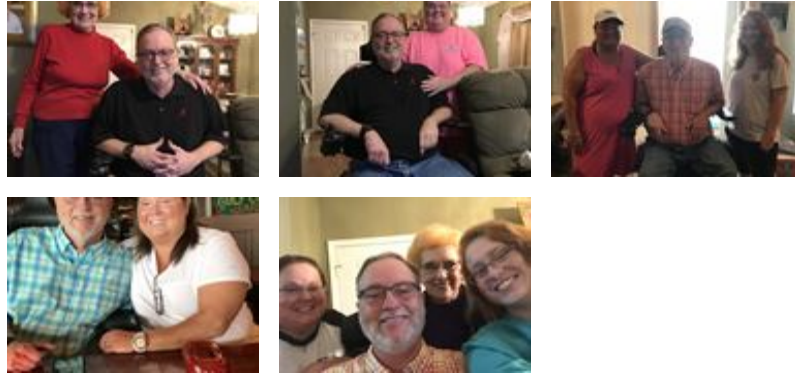
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John D. Emerson.



February 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - February 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John D. Emerson.



February 14, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Emerson.

February 14, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Gerald Russell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John D. Emerson.



Gerald Russell - February 14, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Gerald Russell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Emerson.

Gerald Russell - February 14, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Marshall Therapy and Sports Rehab purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John D. Emerson.



Marshall Therapy and Sports Rehab - February 14, 2025 at 02:55 PM

DB

“ *Donna Talley Blakely lit a candle in memory of John D. Emerson*



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**Donna Talley Blakely** - February 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM

TC

“ *Teresa Calhoun lit a candle in memory of John D. Emerson*



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**Teresa Calhoun** - February 13, 2025 at 05:47 PM

NM

“ *Nalani McNary lit a candle in memory of John D. Emerson*



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**Nalani McNary** - February 13, 2025 at 05:00 PM

SH

“ I worked with John for many years. John was the person I could go to in order to get a design and we worked well together. While I worked with other designers, John had the ability to understand what I was looking for and to make it real. John cared alot about his work and his career was built by contributions to designs for many of the military systems developed by Redstone Arsenal. I am truly sorrowful for his passing and the world is a little less bright without him.

*Scott Hill*

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**Scott Hill** - February 13, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BR

*Well said.*

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**Bradley Randall** - February 19, 2025 at 12:12 AM

MW

“ *Michael and Amber Wilson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John D. Emerson.*



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**Michael and Amber Wilson** - February 13, 2025 at 01:58 PM