## John Michael Hamlin January 24, 1950 - October 4, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Michael Hamlin of League City, Texas. at the age of 71 on Monday, October 4, 2021. He was born on January 24, 1950, in Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone to Edith Paulk Hamlin and John Edward Hamlin.

John is survived by his wife of 34 years Melissa Hamlin; his two sons Shawn and Janet Smith and Brad and Pam Smith, Sister, Rene and husband Ron Helms, Sister in laws, Linda Coney, Teresa, and husband Gene Watts, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 5 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and nephews.

John graduated from Calhoun High School in 1968. After his return from serving in the US Army in Vietnam, John receivedhis bachelor's degree from Howard University.

And received hismaster's degree from Texas Southern University in Educational Leadership.

For 27 years John work. tirelessly in education. He served in Galveston, Harris, and Fort Bend counties with a passion for teaching special needs children at the Middle and High school level. He also coached football, basketball, and track. He was a beloved teacher and coach, and his compassion was notes not only by students but also by parents and colleagues.

John was an enthusiastic lover of American and Texas History. He was actively involved in the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and received countless awards for his service. At the time of his passing, he held the position of Secretary of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter and Vice President at the State level. He was also a member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter 2 of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He enjoyed being a holy smoker at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and a volunteer at the VA Texas City clinic.

A military service will be held on Monday November 8, 2021, at 10:45 am at The Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77038. Followed by a memorial service at 3:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Rd, Houston, TX 77058

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Post Office Box 1, Galveston, Texas 77553, or Disabled American Veterans (<a href="www.dav.org/ways-to-give">www.dav.org/ways-to-give</a>), or Gloria Dei Lutheran ChurchEndowment Fund, 18220 Upper Bay Rd, Houston, TX 77058. (<a href="https://gdlc.org/giving/">https://gdlc.org/giving/</a>)