

Dr. John Allison Whitsitt ("A heart as big as all outdoors")

January 9, 1946 - May 6, 2024



We announced with deep regret the passing of Dr. John Allison Whitsitt, DDS, FACP, FAADSM, retired Army Lt. Col., age 78, of Ormond Beach, Florida, peacefully on May 6, 2024, surrounded by his many children and loving wife. He was born on January 9, 1946, in Nashville, TN, to Julia Humphrey Whitsitt and William Gambill Whitsitt. John leaves behind a legacy deeply cherished by his family and community.

A dedicated husband and father, Dr. Whitsitt is survived by his brother, William, his sister, Julia, his wife, Denise, his children John Jr., Logan, Jillian, Brian, Gregory, and Rebecca, his stepson, Alex, as well as seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rachel.

Starting in the army as a draftee, John eventually rose to the rank of Lt. Col. He earned his Science degree from North Texas State University, followed by a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Georgetown University. Certified by the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1986, he moved his growing family from Fort Meade, MD, to Ormond Beach, where he started his private dental practice. Known for his dedication and compassion, he was a highly respected dentist who brightened his patients' lives with a unique combination of humor and care. In later years, he became passionate about sleep medicine and achieved board certification.

Outside of his professional achievements, John loved fishing, traveling with his wife Denise, telling (often appropriately inappropriate) jokes, and enjoying time with his family. Loved by his many friends and large family, his later years were marked by happiness and new adventures with his dedicated wife Denise which reflected his humble, selfless, often mischievous spirit.

Above all, John was a family man. The profound love he held for each of his children was evident, as he supported and encouraged them through every stage of life. His role as a sibling was no less significant to him or his brother and sister.

Dr. John Whitsitt was laid to rest on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Volusia Memorial Park, 550 N Nova Rd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

John's passing is a profound loss, but his legacy of love, care, and joy will continue to live on through his family, friends, and all who had the privilege to know him.