



## John Beckham

January 6, 1922 - February 20, 2011

John Lawrence Beckham aka Papa John/Brother John will be greatly missed as he went home to be with his Lord and Savior February 20, 2011 at age 89. He lived a full joyful life with his wife Wanda Pauline Whitehead who preceded him to life in Heaven twelve years ago. John and Pauline moved to Roswell in 1943 where they spent the majority of their lives, and where four of their six children were born. Family and friends were always welcomed in their home. If you live in a bricked home in Roswell, there is a great chance that the brick work was done by his hand “one brick at a time” with patience and pride in his work. He volunteered many hours of “one brick at a time” to Roswell Baptist Temple and Tabernacle Baptist Church as well as churches in El Paso, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. He tried to retire from brick laying in 1979 when he worked as a jailer for the Chaves County Sherriff’s Department for seven years where he was nicknamed by the prisoners as Brother John. John was a faithful servant of the Lord, working as a church “bus driver,” encourager to many pastors and missionaries and willing to do any job asked of him taking the same pride “as unto the Lord” as he did his profession. He loved the games of dominoes and forty-two with a passion as well as a good fishing trip. John was blessed with twenty one grandchildren, forty-five great grandchildren, and two great great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Dad Henry Beckham and mother Effie Lawrence of Terra Bella, CA; two brothers Leonard Beckham of Terra Bella, CA and Alvin Beckham of Cottonwood, AZ; one sister Thelma Fricke of Terra Bella, CA; and one son

John Paul Beckham of Roswell. He has one surviving sister Mary Lou Atchison of Flagstaff, AZ. He was the "Dad" of Bobby Jack Beckham and his wife Dee of Amarillo, TX, and the following who live in Roswell: Carolyn Wright, Mary Beckham, Sandra Brisco and husband Stan, Randi Newton and husband Bill, and Ronnie Beckham and wife Sherri; the grandchildren are: Roxenne Butler, Belinda Green, Bonnie Hoffman, Troy Beckham, Kip Milbern, Mandy Childers, Cyndi Peacock, Sandra Phipps, Billy Wright, Aaron Blossom, Vanessa Elliot, Dustin Brisco, Joshua Newton, Amanda Newton Carrell, Amy Newton, KC Beckham, Michelle Salas, John Beckham, Justin Beckham, Dara Beckham, and Johnathan Beckham. In the years past, Dad has enjoyed the love and companionship of his family and the staff and friends of the JOY Center Day Care. The family expresses their sincere Thanks and Appreciation of all the staff there as well as the nurses and CNA's of Mission Arch Nursing Home for the past two months. John will also be missed by his Roswell Baptist Church Family. Services will be held Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:00 pm, Roswell Baptist Church on 700 E Berrendo Road, with Pastor Bill Whitehead officiating. Pallbearers will be Troy Beckham, Aaron Blossom, Johnathan Beckham, Josh Newton, Zachary Blossom, and Leland Wright. Honorary pallbearers will be John Beckham Jr., Justin Beckham, Johnathan Harris, Roger Peacock, Kip Milbern, Bob Adams, and Bobby Sims. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Missions Fund at Roswell Baptist Temple or the JOY Center Adult Day Care Center. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Beckham*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. You will always have the memories forever. Gary and Judy Borst*

**Gary and Judy Borst** - February 25, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ *It was a pleasure to know Mr. Beckham. My sympathy to all his family. Terry Turner*

**Terry Turner** - February 25, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ *We will miss Grandpa so much!!!! But we know he is in a better place!! LOVE YOU!*

**Blossom Family** - February 23, 2011 at 10:43 PM



“ *Roy and I are so sorry for you loss. Our symathies are with you Roy and Betty Broussard*

**Roy and Betty Broussard** - February 23, 2011 at 07:17 PM



“ *I was one of those whose house he bricked. He was a good person and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you.*

**Jimmy White** - February 23, 2011 at 11:23 AM

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“ We do not grieve like others who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. Even though our hearts are sad, we can rejoice in the Lord!

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**Dena Brown** - February 22, 2011 at 10:34 PM