



## John Albert Wiebelt

June 7, 1927 - December 2, 2015

Alamo: John Albert Wiebelt, 88, of Alamo, Texas passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. He was born in Akron, Ohio on June 7, 1927 to Albert Wiebelt and Ruth (Kuhn) Wiebelt. He married Gladys Ruth Haynes on May 23, 1950. He served in the United States Navy. He earned a Masters from SMU and a PhD from Oklahoma State University where he was a professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

John is survived by his wife, daughter Ruth Sutton and her husband Keith of Miami, Oklahoma, his son Robert John Wiebelt and wife, Shannon of Crescent, Oklahoma, grandchildren Jacob Sutton and his wife, Annie, Charisse Soriano, and her husband Alberto, Christina Wiebelt and her fiancé Ryan Huckey, Jason Wiebelt, and Kimberly Wiebelt and great grandchildren Aiden, Austin, Sarah, Lillie, and Elijah.

John was extremely generous and he supported his children and grandchildren in achieving educational goals. One of his students said "Dr. Wiebelt opened the door of learning and I walked through". He had a kind and gentle way of dealing with the challenges of raising his two children. He was often a man of few words but those words were always full of wisdom and love. Flying and making pottery were two of his many passions. He built and flew his own airplane for which he hand carved several propellers. His pottery is found in many kitchens of his friends and family. He will be missed by so many.

Memorial service will be held at 3:00 Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Alamo Country Club. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 1600 N. 23rd St., McAllen, TX

# Events

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**DEC**   **Memorial**   03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Alamo Country Club

438 Country Club Drive, Alamo, TX, US, 78516

# Comments

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“ Dr. Wiebelt was first my mentor and always a friend. He and Dr. Jerald Parker at Oklahoma State University supervised my work on my master's degree in mechanical engineering. What a fine gentlemen and I am blessed to have known him and worked for him. He was especially forgiving when I 'goofed off' my first semester as a Master's student and had to confess that I spent too much time chasing girls and working on old cars. Maybe he got a chuckle out of it.

John Wiebelt and his wife Gladys (Ruth) would invite me into their home to share a laugh and visit any time I stopped by. We always enjoyed talking about family, hobbies, pets, and the next road trip. I know that, after retirement, John and Gladys moved to Alamo to escape the Oklahoma winters. My wife and I always enjoyed their Christmas cards.

John and gentlemen professors like him were my family at OSU. Gladys (Ruth), please know that you are in my prayers.

Gary Ferrell

**Gary Ferrell** - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 PM