



John Watson
Picture from April 20, 1987 Blastoff



Services are held for John Watson

Memorial services for Air Force Col. (Ret.) John T. Watson, former commander of the Manned Space Flight Support Program (Houston Space Center) were held Wednesday, March 19, at Air Force Village II in San Antonio.

He died there March 15 at the age of 77.

A native of North Carrollton, Miss., he was the son of Eva and the Rev. Just F. Watson. Shortly after graduating from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1954, he entered USAF pilot training, earning his wings in 1956. He then went on to earn his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from SMU.

After a variety of Air Force assignments throughout the world, he was assigned to Shaw AFB in South Carolina as flight commander and operations officer in 1971.

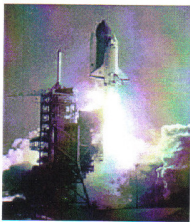
He transferred to his last assignment as the Johnson Space Center in 1976.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1980, Watson served as vice president of the aerospace consulting firm, Eagle Engineering, and was president of Space Center Rotary in Clear Lake in 1989-90.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; three daughters, Catherine, Karro and Celine; and four grandchildren, Chris, Alex, John and Adam.

Watson was buried with full military honors March 20 in a private ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

For those who did not see this in *The Citizen*, it is with great sadness that I report the passing of Col. John Watson, USAF Ret. & President of SCRC 1989-1990. John was a great Rotarian and I was proud to serve as his President Elect and to fill in when he was on travel. At the suggestion of Bob Wren & Floyd Boze during the year previous to John's term, as President, John gave me the task of forming the Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation. John served on the founding committee of RNASAF and was instrumental in getting that program started. Our prayers and condolences are for his wife, Carolyn, their daughters and other family members. God's speed, John.



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