

Flag Pole and Memorial Dedication for John Redmond



Sunday June 12, 2007, friends and family gathered in front of the Eagleville Community Center to honor a member of our community who lived a hero's life, John Redmond. The gathering was to dedicate a new Flag Pole and memorial created in the front lawn area of the Community Center. The event combined ceremony and song with stories and remembrances to honor John, his contributions to American



Memorial placed at the base of the new flag pole.

middle Tennessee.

Ms. Mary Alice Lamb, having known him for many years, shared many memories of John. John would arrive 2 or 3 hours early for Lion's Club meetings at the Community Center held on Monday evenings twice each month. Ms. Mary Alice enjoyed her visits with John as he helped her prepare to feed the Lion's club members. Ms. Mary Alice said it was pleasure to



John with Mother Irene Lorance in March 1968 at Brooke General Hospital Beach Pavilion - Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

freedom, and the life he lived in Eagleville.

Marlene Boyce and Joyce Jones, long time friends of John welcomed everyone. Bro. John Hyden, Harpeth Lick Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation. The Flag was raised and all those gathered Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Rev. Judy Sides sang a song of tribute, Wind Beneath My Wings.

The Memorial and Flag Pole were then dedicated to John, a Veteran of Foreign War who was injured in combat in Vietnam. And who is best known for his presence and support at all the events in Eagleville, his hometown until his death in 2006. Boy Scout Troop 123, lead by Scout Jared Davis, with Scout Masters Don Davis and Joe Carlton set the flag pole and built the memorial area around it. Jared organized the Troop to complete this project as one of the major requirements toward earning his Eagle Scout badge.

The afternoon continued as friends of John shared his life story through the lenses of their memories. Don Lamb asked those in the community to

share. Harry Layne Jr. shared his memories about going with John to Fort Benning together for basic training for the U.S. Army. They both served in Vietnam but in separate areas. When Harry Layne Jr. stopped hearing from John he knew something had happened. Harry Layne Jr. found out from his family back in the states that John had been hurt. Don True also shared his memories about John. Even though he only knew John for a few years, Don and John attended many Eagleville football, basketball and baseball games, cheering the teams to victory. Don was a good friend to John, providing transportation for him all over



have known John. Karen Berglund shared the fun John had when she and Earnie took him to a Tennessee Titan's football game. John was so proud to meet the Titan Cheerleaders.

Joyce and Marlene shared how much John's visits to Crosslin's, the Beauty Shack, the drug store and other businesses meant to merchants and

customers. He was often found on Thursday mornings, folding towels at the Beauty Shack for putting on shelves. He was always willing to take Marlene over to the bank on his familiar golf cart, his way of traversing all over town. Jesse, John's sister shared a few words of thanks to everyone in the Eagleville community who transported John to various events, out to eat, and wherever he needed to go. Jesse expressed great appreciation for all the love this community showed John.

Rev. Judy Taylor Sides sang a song of inspiration, Look For Me and said a closing prayer to end the gathering. We will not forget the love John showed for his country, his community and for all of us.



Rev. Judy Taylor Sides



John's sister, Jessie Smotherman with John's friends Marlene Boyce and Joyce Jones sharing memories.