

# Joel W. Sailors Jr



Joel W. Sailors, Jr., age 92, died on the 14th of March 2011, with his family by his side in Houston.

He was born on the 12th of March 1919, in Fort Stockton, Texas, the son of Reverend Joel W. Sailors and Flora A. Sailors.

Joel enlisted in the Air Force on the 28th of December 1940, and was commissioned on the 10th of April 1942. He joined the 94th Rec. Squadron, 12 Group on the 13th of April 1942 which was changed to the 434th Bomb Squadron Group. Joel was promoted up to a Major on the 19th of February 1948.

Dr. Sailors received his B.A. degree in Economics from [University of Texas](#) in 1951, and his PH.D in Economics in 1956. Starting as an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas from 1956 to 1959, he then moved to an Associate Professor position at University of Houston from 1959 to 1978. Joel was a Professor of Economics at the University of Houston from 1978 to 1987 and was Professor Emeritus at University of Houston from 1987 to present. His specialization was international economics. For 31 years, Dr. Sailors enjoyed the teaching and camaraderie in the economics department. Dr. Sailors established a charitable remainder annuity trust, several endowments/ scholarships and a professorship in economics.

Dr. Sailors made Professional and Honor Societies and was former president of the South Western Economics Association. He was a consultant to the United States Agency for International Development and to Economic Counselor, United States Department of the State in Saigon, South Vietnam during the summer of 1970.

Joel was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, and is survived by six nieces and nephews.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from one until three o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, the 17th March, in the Library of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive in Houston.

The family will gather at a later date for a private graveside service, with full military honors, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

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