

The Astronauts Memorial Foundation at Kennedy Space Center is saddened along with the nation and the world at the passing of American hero, John H. Glenn, Jr.. Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth, dedicated his life to serving his country. Through his military service, his fearless passion to be in the forefront of space exploration, and as a public servant in the US Senate, John led by example. John's steadfast commitment to his family and the nation is unrivaled and not soon to be forgotten.

Former Shuttle Commander and AMF Board Chairman, Eileen Collins, said "We have lost a true American hero.

John Glenn inspired me to become an astronaut, and I feel this sentiment is the same throughout the astronaut corp.

When I was a youngster, I wanted to be just like John Glenn and the other Mercury astronauts. He was a role model to me. Although I never thought I could be as great as him, I still worked hard to follow and emulate his career and work ethic.

I first met him in the mid-1990s during a visit to the Senate. Later, I was fortunate to work with him while he trained for his 1998 space shuttle flight. He was always focused on his mission, and willing to do all the tasks NASA asked of him. He was wise, courageous, humble, intelligent, and kind. He made people feel comfortable and calm when around him. I hope people around the world will read about Senator Glenn's life, as I did, and strive to achieve great things. He will be greatly missed."