

# SALUTING JOHN GLENN



John and Annie Glenn on their wedding day in 1943.



The Mercury 7 astronauts, with Glenn on bottom row, second from right



Glenn blasts off on his mission to orbit Earth on Feb. 20, 1962.



John and Annie Glenn dot the "i" in Script Ohio on Sept. 5, 2009, in Ohio Stadium.

## JOHN GLENN'S LIFE AND TIMES

In a long and distinguished career, John Glenn had many memorable moments — as a military pilot, astronaut, politician, businessman, public icon — but the world probably knows the Ohio native best for Feb. 20, 1962. That was the day Glenn piloted Friendship 7 to become the first American to orbit Earth, circling three times in just under five hours. He died Thursday at age 95. Some highlights from his life:

1920s	1930s	1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
<p><b>July 18, 1921:</b> John Herschel Glenn Jr. is born in Cambridge, Ohio</p> <p><b>1929:</b> At age 8, Glenn takes his first plane ride on a barnstorming aircraft</p>	<p><b>1939:</b> Glenn graduates from New Concord High School and enrolls in Muskingum College</p>	<p><b>1941:</b> Glenn earns his pilot's license</p> <p><b>1942:</b> Glenn leaves college for World War II and to fly for the Marines. He flies 59 combat missions</p> <p><b>1943:</b> Glenn marries Anna "Annie" Margaret Castor, his sweetheart since eighth grade</p>	<p><b>1953:</b> Glenn flies 63 combat missions during the Korean War, some with baseball star Ted Williams as his wingman</p> <p><b>1957:</b> Glenn sets transcontinental speed record flying from California to New York</p> <p><b>1959:</b> Glenn and six colleagues beat out 501 others to become "The Mercury Seven," America's first astronauts</p>	<p><b>1962:</b> Glenn becomes the first American to orbit Earth</p>	<p><b>1974:</b> Glenn elected U.S. senator from Ohio</p>	<p><b>1983:</b> Tom Wolfe's book "The Right Stuff," about the original seven astronauts, is made into a movie</p>	<p><b>1992:</b> Glenn defeats Republican challenger Mike DeWine to become Ohio's first four-term U.S. senator</p> <p><b>1998:</b> Glenn returns to space, at age 77, for nine days aboard Space Shuttle Discovery Mission STS-95</p> <p><b>1998:</b> Glenn becomes an adjunct professor at Ohio State University. The John Glenn College of Public Affairs at OSU eventually is named for him</p>	<p><b>2006:</b> Glenn is awarded NASA's Ambassador of Exploration Award on the 44th anniversary of his historic space flight</p> <p><b>2009:</b> Glenn and his wife dot the "i" in Script Ohio at OSU's Alumni Reunion football game</p>	<p><b>2012:</b> Glenn is awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom</p> <p><b>June 28, 2016:</b> Port Columbus airport is renamed John Glenn Columbus International Airport</p> <p><b>Dec. 8, 2016:</b> Glenn dies at Ohio State University's James Cancer Hospital</p>