



John Patrick Solan

May 29, 1941 - June 29, 2017

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John Patrick Solan, 76, passed on to eternal life on Thursday, June 29, 2017. John was born in Brooklyn, New York as the youngest of five children to Patrick and Winifred Solan who migrated to the United States from Roscommon County, Ireland. John proudly served his country for 4 ½ years as a submariner aboard the USS Sea Owl. He retired after 35 years from Xerox Corporation.

John leaves behind his cherished family: wife of 48 years, Barbara, his five children Kerrie (Cliff) Harth, Tracy Bryan, Kristina (Joe) Berryman, Matthew Solan, Megan (Michael) Charrette, and 9 grandchildren: Tyler, Morgan, Andrew, Trevor, John, Benjamin, Mason, Colton, Dominick and his sister, Kathleen McGlynn and was preceded in death by his sister Mary Kilduff and brothers Michael and Edward.

John enjoyed playing golf since moving to The Villages in 2005. He learned woodworking at the woodshop and spent many happy hours making bunk beds, bookcases, rocking horses, serving trays, pens for his family and ruler racks, thread holders for his wife's quilt group to sell all proceeds going to charity.

John believed in God, Country and Family. He was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, volunteered at several local food pantries as a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and served as Parish Council President and leader in his church in Bloomingburg, New York. He will be remembered for his outrageous sense of humor and his life speaks for itself as to the gentle, loving, kind man he was.

Visitation will be at Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL on Tuesday July 4th from 6-8 pm with a small service to celebrate his life at 7 pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview, FL on Wednesday July 5th at 10:30 am. Interment will follow Mass at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell FL.

Donations may be made to The Villages Hospice House Building Project, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162 or to the food pantries at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lady Lake FL or St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview FL.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Today I miss you something fierce. You were an amazing Dad.*

kerrie Solan - May 12, 2024 at 02:28 PM

NN

“ *To the Solan Family,*

On behalf of the Charleston Base SUBVETS and Swamp Fox Chapter SUBVETS WWII, I offer you our sincere condolences on John's passing. We grieve with you on the loss of your loved one and our shipmate. The SUBVETS will have your family in our thoughts and prayers. There is no expiration date on the back of our dolphins and John, who earned his 'fish' when he qualified on USS SEA OWL SS-405, will always be remembered as a "Brother of the Phin" and a great Patriot.

*(SS) John Patrick Solan
US Navy Submarine Veteran
Now on Eternal Patrol
Sailor Rest Your Oar
Your Shipmates Have The Watch*

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate

*Charleston Base Submarine Veterans
Nick Nichols, MTCM(SS) USN Ret.
Base Chaplain*

Nick Nichols - August 02, 2017 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ Yo John (that is Philly talk)! I hope you are somehow aware of how much I miss you already. You were a great friend and a fabulous shipmate. I will always remember the wonderful times we had in the Navy. The times on a submarine can get on your nerves, but not us. We got closer as brothers. I hope you are watching from above because we had a real Irish wake with your family. Barbara and kids know how to party hearty just like you did. It must be in the genes. You will always be with me. Don



Don McPhillips - July 14, 2017 at 06:01 PM

HM

“ John was an authentic man. What you saw was what you got. He was a loyal friend who was a man of his word - a man of integrity, wit and compassion. We will miss him dearly.



Hugh and Cathy McCloskey - July 06, 2017 at 09:22 PM

BA

“ What a tribute to you and celebration of your life! I could not stop smiling, John, not because I am not in pain but rather because I know you no longer are. Rest well, my love, in the arms of Jesus. May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the SON shine warm upon your face and until we meet again (and we will!)! May God hold you in the Palm of His Hand. Always on my mind and always forevermore in my heart.



Barbara - July 05, 2017 at 12:31 AM

MS

“ John was a gentleman and a loving, caring family man. I really enjoyed having dinner with him, because I always got his tomatoes!
With love, Marilyn



Marilyn Schave - July 04, 2017 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ I will always remember John's sense of humor. I loved playing golf with him and Huey. We were always in stitches. You will be missed so much dear friend.



Dave Schave - July 04, 2017 at 02:09 PM

CB

“ Dear Barbara and Family,
John will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and service to the Church and Alzheimers community. He stepped up making the woodwork for the first Alzheimer's walk, as did you with your quilting. In our support groups, he shared his struggle and the love of his family, especially his grandchildren. I remember the first Honor Flight return at the American Legion, I met John, you and family, babies and all, to greet the vets at Midnight! I regret not seeing you both before it was too late! Please call on me if I can provide and support. I, too, know of the pain of losing a husband to Alzheimers. Blessing, Carol

Carol Brooks - July 04, 2017 at 12:47 PM

PD

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Solan family
May your heart and soul find peace and comfort*

Pat and Bill Doherty - July 03, 2017 at 08:39 PM

JP

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers for all.
Enjoy peace in heaven.*



Jeannine Petrilak - July 03, 2017 at 03:13 PM

HF

“ *Always in my heart dad.*



His daughter, Kristina Berryman & Family - July 03, 2017 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Always in my heart dad.*



His daughter, Kristina Berryman & Family - July 03, 2017 at 11:49 AM

JB

“ May you all find peace and comfort in your memories and your faith. We didn't see John often being so far away, but will still miss him. So many "John" stories--snow being melted in the bathtub to find lost car keys, broken glass shower door, spilled paint on new carpeting.... The list goes on and on endearing him forever in our hearts. John was a good man, and will reap his reward in heaven. I'm going to add a poem I found by Washington Irving.



"There is a sacredness in tears.

They are not the mark of weakness, but of power.

They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.

They are messages of overwhelming grief...

and unspeakable love."

Namaste',

Janet

Janet & Russ Barnett - July 02, 2017 at 03:38 PM

PF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara and her family.



Paul and Jeanne Farineau - July 02, 2017 at 02:49 PM

BS

“ I look for you in the recliner chair, I shop for food with Megan today and remind myself I only need shop for one now, I smell your clothes and sleep with the ones last worn by you, your Brooklyn shirt, and yet it seems not real. We sat tonight, some of our children and me, around a fire pit recalling camping memories and nostalgia and yet it seems so unbelievable that you will not appear any moment to say good night and yet, I go to our bed and you are not there, or so I think. Truly you are there - in my memories, in my thoughts, in my quiet, private sorrowful moments and always in my heart. I think everyone throughout our lives always thought I was the strong one, but truth be known you were the one who kept me going - my one and only - Good night my love. I miss you so.



Barbara Solan - July 02, 2017 at 02:00 AM

MC

“ The guard duty at the gates of heaven just got funnier, until I relieve you of duty. It was an honor to be your son in law and I look forward to seeing you again.



Mike Charrette - July 01, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ We know your spirit will always be just a whisper away.



John and Sue Henry - July 01, 2017 at 03:37 PM

FK

“ Our sincere condolences on the passing into the next life of John. We're sure he is happily enjoying his heavenly rewards with our loving Father in heaven. Sincerely, Fred and Dianne Kelly

Fred and Dianne Kelly - July 01, 2017 at 03:34 PM

LR

“ Thankful that John is now in God's loving arms. Praying for you and the family that you will find peace and comfort knowing that John is no longer in life's struggle and pain.



Lee & Peggy Ray - July 01, 2017 at 02:34 PM

J.

“ May the Lord Bring Comfort To You during this difficult time.



Jerry and Patsy Haggadone . - July 01, 2017 at 02:02 PM

BD

“ You light up life because of your humor



Bill and Judi Doran - July 01, 2017 at 01:26 PM

BD

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Bill and Judi Doran - July 01, 2017 at 01:15 PM

BS

“ *No more night, no more day, no more pain,
never crying again and praises to the GREAT
I AM, John now lives in the light of the Risen
King. Rest in peace my darling husband, I will
always love you.*



Barbara Solan - July 01, 2017 at 11:34 AM