



John Yancey

September 28, 1933 - March 22, 2014

Obituary of John Yancey

John Thomas Yancey Jr., passed away March 22, 2014, in Leesburg, Florida.

He was born September 28, 1933 in Plant City, Florida. John proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. He graduated in 1958 from the University of Florida, with a Masters in engineering. He loved all UF Athletics. He worked with Boeing in Seattle and Huntsville before going to Boeing at the Kennedy Space Center. There he worked on the Lunar Rover, the Alaskan Pipe Line, the Space Shuttle and many other projects. In September of 1990, he was awarded the Silver Snoopy Award for his work on the Space Shuttle. John retired from Boeing in October of 1993 and moved to the Pennbrooke community in September of 1995, where he lived the rest of his years and was very active enjoying bridge, softball, tennis, and shuffleboard.

He is survived by his son, John Thomas (Teresa) Yancey III, Windermere, Florida; his daughter Pam (Richard) Dean, Apopka, Florida; grandchildren, Joshua, Marisa, Alayna, Ethan, Jesse, Ashley, Rachel, and Rebekah; his great-granddaughter, Peyton; son-in-law, Tommy Thomas, Cocoa, Florida; his brother, Jim Yancey, Ocala, Florida; and other extended family.

John is predeceased by his daughter, Kim Thomas, who passed away in 2013.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, March 27, 2014, between 5-7PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, Florida. Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10:30AM a Funeral Service will take place at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow the service including Military Honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your brother, Jim. I recall your mentioning him occasionally. I heard about his passing from my association with an IUS group, organized by Keith Felling, which I have lunch with occasionally. Chuck Broughton, via email contact, steered me to the group a few months ago. I retired in JUL 2013, my last job being component maintenance manual creation/updating, starting in 1994 in Commercial at a building a few blocks south of end of the runway at Boeing Field in Seattle. I've been quite busy in retirement, particularly with care for the older of my two younger brothers, who has a bipolar condition and is in an assisted living facility in Tacoma, about 30 miles from Renton where I live with my girlfriend/domestic partner Laurie. Her mother and aunt also keep us busy with their care. Here are some tidbits regarding IUS people we knew, some of which you may have already heard: Eric Beard, who was in QA and a famous airshow pilot who had the plane Russian Thunder, passed away due to a non-airshow plane crash. I'm also aware of Niels' passing several years ago. On one of my two trips to FL with Laurie-I think it was the most recent one where she and I watched the last launch of Discovery-I spoke briefly with Warren by phone. He said he was doing OK. So, Jim, I invite you to bring me up to speed on what's been happening with you and any other IUS folks you've heard from, since I left the Sunshine State ~29 years ago. John V. Waters, jvincwaters@hotmail.com

John V. Waters - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *What a shock to hear of John's passing. We knew him thru shuffleboard and he certainly was a formidable opponent. Sometimes we'd win, sometimes we'd lose, but no matter what, he was always smiling and joking around. He will be missed----have a peaceful rest, John.*

Barry & Carol Saylor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Praying for God's peace and comfort for you at this time. I still remember how your dad used to kid me when I came over when we were teens.*

Karla Hoffler Rockwell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Can't believe John has passed. He will be missed very much by family and friends. Our prayers will be with you.*

Tommy and Linda Thomas Clover, SC - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of John. He was so nice each time I saw him in Pennbrooke while visiting my parents (Robert & Alice Kesterson). My Dad & I would wave at him each time we passed his house, John would be in his kitchen and waving back. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Anita Cannaday - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Yancey*

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