



John Lynn Service

August 30, 1953 - July 16, 2017

John Lynn Service, a precious child of God, went home to be with his Lord, Sunday, July 16, 2017. He was the son of Jane Marye Lynn Service, USMC, WWII and Emile Arnold Service, US Army, WWII. John is survived by his loving wife Susan Service, daughter of Leland and Joan Williams and His siblings Nancy "Penny", Charlie and Monty. He grew up in Ardmore, Pa., and graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1971. John graduated in 1974 with a BA in Criminology and English, magna cum laude, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was an outstanding writer! John had a long career working as a Program Analyst for the United States Air Force and survived the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon.

Early in his professional life, John came to know Jesus Christ as his personal savior and Lord. God used a special man named Billy D. who had many physical restrictions. Though severely disabled, John noticed how Billy still loved and praised Jesus - this gave John the desire to know the same God that Billy loved.

John, along with his wife Susan, was active in various ways with Faith E. P. C. church. He and Susan enjoyed studying the word of God in the Fellowship Bible study for many years. Many dear friends from that Bible study have encouraged and shaped John's life.

One of John's favorite charitable endeavors was donating blood platelets with INOVA Blood Donors. He donated an incredible 120 units of platelets and whole blood.

After retirement, John spent two school years at Crestwood Elementary School in Springfield, Va. helping second graders learn to read, and the children loved him!

John took great joy in watching the Washington Nationals play baseball. He also actively participated playing in various teams and softball leagues both before and after retirement.

John has always been supported with warm and loving brothers and sisters and their families. Additionally, he loved his mother-in-law, Joan Williams, as if she were his own. John truly enjoyed traveling to Punxsutawney, Pa. to visit with Susan's family. He also fondly spent time visiting his Aunt Bonnie Samuel and her daughter Lynn Pace and family in Norfolk, Va. All the various members of his family and extended family had a wonderful impact on his life. John knew that he was accepted, loved and cared for by all members of his family.

Although his journey on this Earth has ended, John is now completely healed from the recent strokes he suffered from. He was most grateful of the love, friendship and kindnesses shown to him from friends and neighbors in his Northern Virginia community. We know he was thankful for your presence in his life. John is now in the presence of the Lord God, Almighty.

In lieu of flowers, if able, please consider donating blood or give to a local charity such as the Koinonia Foundation, 6037 Franconia Road, Franconia (Alexandria), Va. 22320.

A memorial service celebrating John's life will be held Saturday, July 29 at 4 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 5725 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22315.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Lynn Service*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *John Lynn Service*

Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Susan, John is in my prayers, as are you and your families. I did not have the privilege of meeting John, but based on what you shared about him, he was clearly a wonderful man filled with love and strength!! May he rest in peace! Know that your friends at Patrick Henry are here for you!*

Heart - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ When I think of John, I remember him as someone who did “everything right.” We were indeed blessed to have been participants with John and Susan in Bible study. I appreciate John’s thoughtful insights on the Scriptures, how he carefully chose his words, and his timing and sensitivity with the expression. He and Susan also demonstrated their caring for others with the issues that they brought to the prayer time. Erik and I are blessed to have known John, to have shared those serious moments as well as many laughs. I will remember John’s heavenly homegoing, the birth of a new life, on the day I celebrated my birth in the earthly life. Blessings and strength to Susan! Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom and I were so shocked and broken hearted to hear we lost John, but we take comfort in knowing he is healed now and discovering all the joys and blessings of being with the Lord for eternity. Thank you, Susan, for sharing this wonderful photo of John with his friends when he was able once again to eat 'regular' food after his stroke rehabilitation.

What a wonderful photo! Tom said he didn't think he had seen such a huge smile on John's face before, but I'm sure many members of his family, and especially you, Susan, have seen this smile many times. And we will all miss it, until the day we meet again.

Love in the Lord, your friends, Terri and Tom Schergen

Enjoying REAL food! - July 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John was a good and generous man with a warm smile and tender heart. We loved having him come to Susan's school and volunteer his time working with our kids. My next blood donation will be in honor of John. Team Henry is here for you, Susan.*
Andrea Turner on behalf of the Patrick Henry Elementary School Staff

Baseball - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM