



John Francis Leonard

February 7, 1942 - October 22, 2024

John Francis Leonard, originally of Bonsal Street, Philadelphia, PA, age 82, died on October 22, 2024, surrounded by loving family. John graduated from Bishop John Neumann in 1961 and married Ella Mae on September 8, 1962. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Joseph's University (Night Division) in 1972.

John and Ella Mae raised their family in Northeast Philadelphia, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, Salisbury, Maryland and Queen Village, Philadelphia. Summers in Wildwood, New Jersey, New Year's Day Mummers Parades, and Penn State tailgates are fond memories.

Working as an airline executive, retiring in 2004 as CEO of Piedmont Airlines, John traveled the world, stepping foot on nearly all the continents, but was most fond of the Dingle Peninsula, Ireland. John showed pride in his Irish heritage, enjoyed the craic, and loved his family. He was smart, sharp witted, good natured, fair, and sometimes cantankerous. John had a passion for planning vacations and loved hosting many get-togethers with family and friends.

John is survived by his sons: Jack (Maryann), Sean (Susie), Ed (Sue), and Rob (Allison); his daughter, Jen (Claire); twelve grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Ella Mae;

granddaughter, Katie; his parents, Clara and Harry; and his brothers: Joe, Tom, and Harry.

The Leonard family is grateful to John's caregivers who provided compassionate, dedicated care during his struggle with dementia.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery Chapel Friday, November 1, 2024, 10am gathering, 10:30am service, followed immediately by interment. 1600 S. Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dementia Society of America are appreciated. (<https://dementiasociety.charityproud.org/donate>). For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 S. Sproul Road
Springfield, PA 19064

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Graveside Committal

NOV 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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