



John Wakefield Angus, III

AUG 5, 1951 - DEC 10, 2016



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John Wakefield Angus III, beloved husband of Debora Bergeron Angus and devoted father of Kristin Westmoreland, Kimberly Reilly, and Kathleen Angus, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 10, 2016 surrounded by the love of his family at the age of 65.

John was a retired lobbyist and lawyer following a successful professional career that brought him to the Washington, DC area, where he and Debi raised their family. After graduating from St. Michael's College in Vermont, where he was student body president, he attended law school at George Washington University. His career started at the Federal Maritime Commission where he was afforded the opportunity to be involved with the shipping industry that captured his curiosity and would eventually turn into a passion. John became partner at Preston Thorgrimson Ellis & Holman (now K&L Gates) and later a founding partner of the Duberstein Group. He was dedicated to promoting the maritime industry, ultimately as the leader of The Propeller Club.

John was a powerful advocate not only for his clients, but also for those in his personal life, often going to extremes to ensure those he loved were treated justly. And his absolute joy was spending time with his friends and family, more often prioritizing family over profession despite the rigors of his industry. He leaves a legacy of generosity, compassion, and family values that will be always missed.

The ability to command a conversation reflected his larger than life personality and intellect that was grounded by humility and generosity. A sweeping generosity that was felt immediately by all those encountered. His infectious laugh, unparalleled advice, and tremendously warm heart had the uncanny ability to leave lasting impressions and bring joy to everyone.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in Garden City, NY, where he attended Chaminade High School, John was proud of his New York roots.



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He leaves behind his devoted wife Debora; daughters Kristin Westmoreland (Travis) of Washington, DC, Kimberly Reilly (Michael) of Lewes, Delaware, and Kathleen Angus of Rehoboth, Delaware; grandchild Bodie Reilly as well as one on the way; brothers, Jeffrey Angus (Margaret), Peter Angus (M. Alyson), and James Angus; sister Patricia Angus; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM.

Burial will be held on Friday December 16, 2016 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 32112 Vines Creek Rd, Dagsboro, DE 19939, at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Delaware Valley Alzheimer's Association at <http://tinyurl.com/ALZ4JWA> or St. Michael's College at <http://tinyurl.com/StMikes4JWA>.

Please sign Mr. Angus' online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



Events


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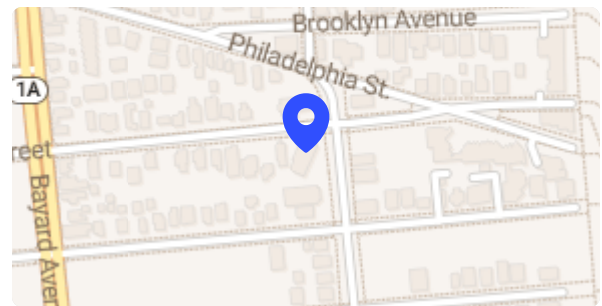
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 15, 2016


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE
19971

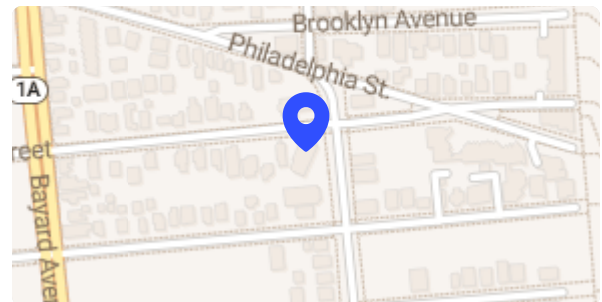


Mass of Christian Burial


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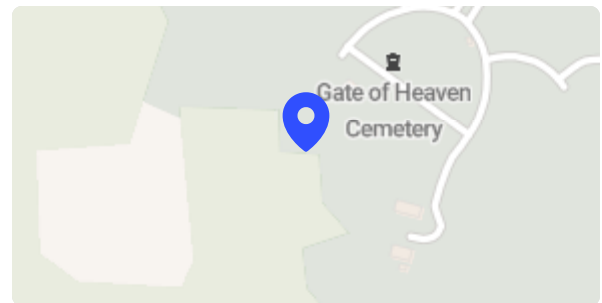
 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE
19971



Cemetery Details

 **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**
32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 15 at 9:41 AM



F.X. Sean O'doherty posted:

DebJus heard about John's passing. My best to the Family as you start a new rhythm and continue to remember to good times and celebrate your life together.F.X Sean O'DohertyODSierra Madre, CA

December 20 at 3:40 PM



Steven M. Champlin posted:

It was a pleasure working with John and learning from him.Steve Champlin

December 14 at 7:58 AM



John Williams posted:

The Williams family will always remmeber John for his generosity in spirit and in life. We spent many happy times with John and the Angus family at the beach and back in VA. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten. May he rest in peace.

December 14 at 4:21 AM



Freda Lippert Thyden posted:

We remember the wonderful times with John and "the Diamondbacks". He was a good friend and a fun person. He and Debi created a loving house in McLean, Virginia, where all felt welcome. May he Rest In Peace knowing he lived a good life with a loving wife and 3 wonderful daughters. John and Freda Lippert Thyden.

December 13 at 5:15 PM



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NB

Neal Bobys posted:

I hearken back to the good old days at Capital Centre where we first met John. It was Debi who glowed brightest whenever he was around, and I will never forget that very special smile that he brought out of her. Quick of mind, thoughtful and kind. That's how I remember John. Paula's and my hearts break for you, Debi. You were a huge part of our life oh so many years ago, and still today. Neal Bobys

December 13 at 7:11 AM

JE

Joe Easton posted:

One class act, who will remain with us in spirit. A toast of rum and coke in John's honor. May God bless John and the entire Angus family!

December 13 at 7:03 AM

JF

Jan Foti posted:

John was always quick with a good joke and and interesting stories. He saw the staff at work as colleagues and made sure all were treated well. My deepest condolences to all of his family.

December 13 at 6:10 AM

GE

Grethe Eckmann posted:

We were fortunate to count the Angus family as close friends for many years, both in Garden City and Vermont, where we shared many evenings in front of fireplaces, recounting the day's skiing and the dangers we had survived. One night stand out-a New Year's eve. when we all went tobogganing down the hill by our house, ending in the ditch! and loving it. Such good memories-- signed with love from, Grethe & Al (the kiddies' pal) Eckmann

December 13 at 5:55 AM



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TF

Tito's Family posted:

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship is weather'd every rack, the prize we
sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the
steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;
But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.
O Captain! my Captain! rise up and
hear the bells;
Rise up -- for you the flag is flung
for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and
ribbon'd wreaths -- for you the shores a crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass,
their eager
faces turning;
Here Captain! dear father!
This arm beneath your head!
It is some dream that on the
deck,
You've fallen cold and dead.
My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father
does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will,
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound,
its voyage
closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;
Exult O shores, and
ring O bells!
But I with mournful tread,
Walk the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.
-Walt
Whitman

December 13 at 4:14 AM

DG

Dan Bryz-Gornia Sr. posted:

Having the ability to hold an interesting conversation, the great sense of humor and the passion for a great industry with the love of the greatest Ship ever designed and sail the sea, you are a class guy and a classic individual! Rest in Peace Johnny!!

December 13 at 3:42 AM

NS

Nancy & Rick Steele posted:

So many memories! We enjoyed beach days, Fourth of July celebrations, dinners and parties at restaurants and our homes in the DC area and Rehoboth, golf outings, Angus and Hixson family weddings and so much more. Our last dinner together was just a few weeks ago on Thanksgiving. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Love, Nancy & Rick Steele

December 12 at 1:19 PM



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TC

Tod O'connor posted:

Saying thank you for one of the best friends anyone could have does not come close to how we feel. Be at Peace Tod, Paula, Dan, Sarah and Kasey O'Connor
Holy Sonnets: Death, be not proud
Related Poem Content Details
BY JOHN DONNE
Death, be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so; For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me. From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be, Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow, And soonest our best men with thee do go, Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery. Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men, And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell, And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then? One short sleep past, we wake eternally And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

December 12 at 12:10 PM

CS

Cherie Smith posted:

Your father was the most generous person I've known. He and your mom opened their home and their hearts to me and my family, and I will be forever grateful. I will never forget his humor and how he would correct everyone's grammar. I somehow managed to pass along that same trait and find myself thinking of him when I catch myself in the act. His Christmas dinner toasts were one of a kind and I will be sure to have a special toast for him this Christmas in remembrance of his kindness, wit and charisma. Love, Cherie

December 12 at 9:05 AM



Media

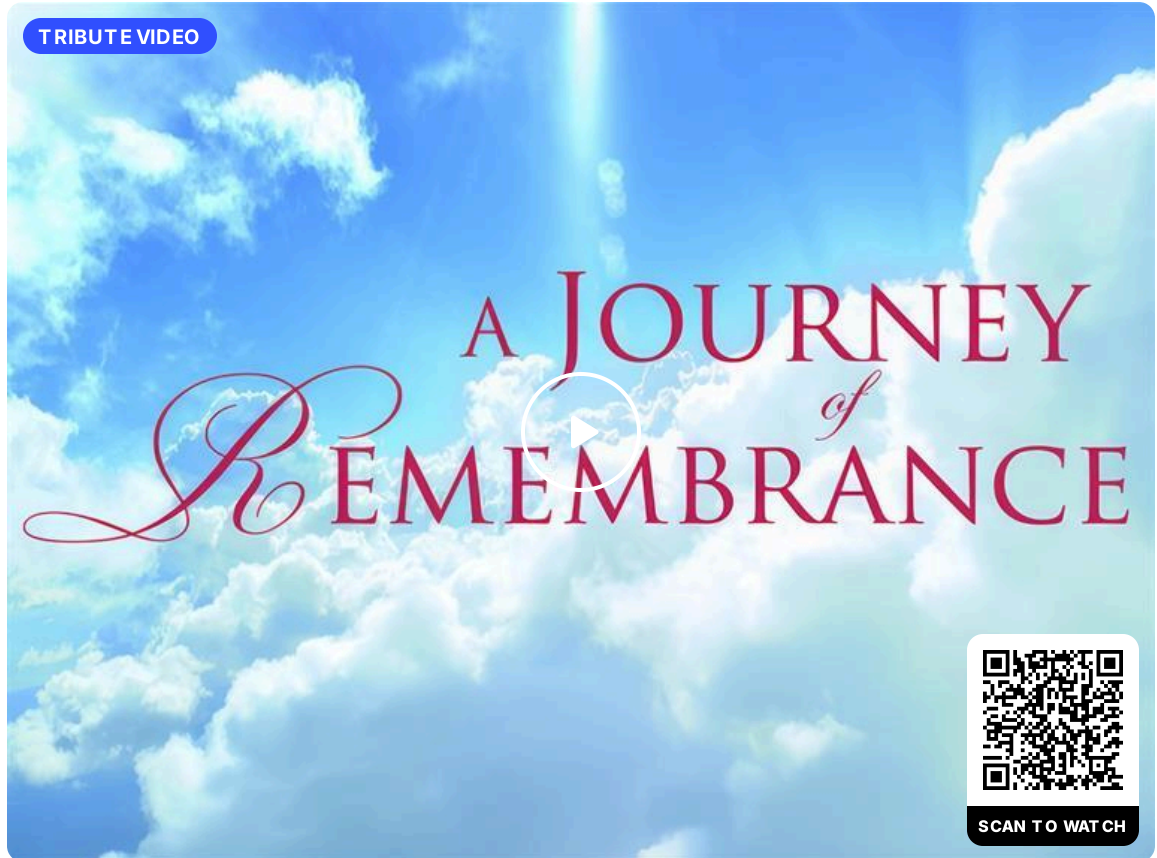
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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