



John Albert Allen

January 19, 1943 - August 15, 2020

John Allen, 77, formerly of New Castle, Delaware, and more recently residing in Big Pine Key & Sebastian, Florida, passed away in Delaware on August 15, 2020 surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on January 19, 1943 in Wilmington, Delaware, son of the late Albert and Catherine Allen.

John graduated from Salesianum High School in 1961 and was married to Carol Woerner on March 16, 1963. They were married for 57 years.

Everyone who knew John could attest to his work ethic. He was an incredibly hard worker and always provided for his family. John started working at 10 years of age, delivering newspapers before school and he maintained a job to pay for his education. At the age of 15, he joined the civil air patrol, which sparked his interest in the military. After graduation, John joined the Delaware Air National Guard in 1963 and worked as an aircraft mechanic. In 1969, his best friend Jack suggested they learn to fly helicopters, rather than fix them. In true John fashion, he was wholeheartedly up for the adventure. He joined the Delaware Army National Guard in 1969 as an army helicopter pilot. He proudly served his country for 32 years. John started with a fixed wing pilots license and retired from Company E 150th Aviation in 1995 as chief warrant officer in the State of Delaware. In addition to his service, John also had a thriving career working for CSX railroad as a terminal manager and in 2002 after 38 years, he retired to the Florida Keys.

Even in retirement, John had to keep busy. He would retreat to his shop to build and fix just about anything, he chartered boats for tourists, and even operated cranes. He was an avid lover of the water and earned his Captains license at a young age. If he wasn't boating or offshore fishing, you could find him underwater, scuba diving. John passed on his love for these hobbies to his family, and they frequently enjoyed traveling and diving new places together. As if exploring the world from underwater wasn't enough of a thrill, John also flew small aircrafts for leisure at every opportunity. He took one last flight around his hometown in May, with his grandson, Zack.

John was respected and adored by his family and friends and was the life of every party. He had an ornery and overwhelmingly loving spirit and was eager to teach and inspire the generations that followed him. He would greet you with his infectious smile, a cold beer, and a witty one-liner that would knock you off your feet.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Allen; his sister, Carol Cushner; and his in-laws: James and Helen Woerner. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol; his daughter, Jan Baldt (Chris); his son, Fran Allen; his grandchildren: Zachary King (Marissa); Katelyn Townsend (Perry); Schuyler Wisniewski (Susan); Brooke Finney (Rob); Noelle Wisniewski; his great-grandchildren: Ellie, Quinn, and Emma; his fur-daughter, Lillie; and a tremendous number of additional grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, a brother, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors, all of whom he loved dearly.

A private funeral with full military honors will be held at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware. A public celebration of life will be held at the beach in Pot-Nets Bayside on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 4:00 PM. John's family encourages all his loved ones and friends to attend the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Johns memory are suggested to Sonshine Equine Horsemanship & Therapeutic Riding Center, 31688 Yeshua Lane, Millsboro, Delaware 19966.

The family of John would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the incredibly caring and compassionate nurses and staff of Delaware and Florida Hospice organizations.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Cemetery

Delaware Veterans Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way

Millsboro, DE, 19966

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM

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The Beach at Pot-Nets Bayside

Long Neck, DE, US

Comments



“ I worked with John for many years, on the railroad. I've got great memories of John, and the kind of upstanding, intelligent, responsible, and friendly guy he was to work with. He was very impressive, in his wit, and in his humor. It was indeed a pleasure to know this wonderful man, and all the grace and direction he gave to all of us that worked with him.

Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts !

Michael John Mele



Michael J Mele - August 30, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Dear Carol and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you always. I remember at our 30th school reunion you won the category of being married the longest. I'm so happy to hear you had a beautiful, loving marriage.

John married his perfect mate.

Sincerely,
Judy (Sobieski) Jones



Judy Jones - August 25, 2020 at 04:42 PM



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susan wisniewski - August 24, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ I have flown with you many times in the Army National Guards. Your wit was always something to look forward to. Your professionalism in things you were involved was great. Glod Bless you for sharing your knowledge and talent while teaching me the ropes. Joe McNair (Ret. Army National Guards. Gun Call "Ghost Rider #13"

Joe McNair - August 21, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ As a crewchief on UH-1 helicopters I have flown with John many times and shared many Summer camps. He was one of the 'Good Guys' that is sometimes not easy to describe.
he was a very good pilot that I would fly with no matter what the mission would entail and know that if he pushed the limits, he had the ability and skills to keep us safe. The Summer Camps were enjoyable, the camaraderie is hard to explain to many. We spoke about all type of topics, our work, families, hobbies, Military experiences and whatever. We performed our Guard duties diligently and the flying was exhilarating. John was one of the people that I enjoyed interacting with whenever I saw him. My memories of him will always be with me as a 'Good Guy'

Steve Rosinski

Steve Rosinski - August 21, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Steve, not sure this is appropriate, but I'd like to thank you for this post. John was my brother and I knew he was a man of honor, respect and goodness, but your post warmed my heart! God Bless you for letting his family know what a "good guy" John was!

Sincerely,
Patricia Reinbold

Patricia Reinbold - August 21, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ When we met John we knew we met someone very special. Throughout the years he not only was our neighbor, but a good friend. His unique sense of humor and his easy going manner will always be remembered. Steve and I want the family to know you are in our prayers and thoughts at this time.

Barbara Hutchinson - August 21, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



William Stone - August 20, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Hey Mon, my memories of you are of fun filled times. There are no words I can use to describe you except generous and adventurous. RIP John.

scott carlile - August 20, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Dear Allen Family: Chip and I offer our sincere sympathies to you all on John's passing. John was a very special man, who lived his life his way and oh what a life he lived!!!! I hope you find some peace in knowing this and the fact that he loved his family to the very core of his body. He will never be forgotten as long as there is a breath left in so many of his family and friends. Sadly, you never think of someone's life until they are gone, but I believe John knew he was loved so much. Dang, he did it all!!!!

One little funny, I got that paper route after John gave it up. Yes, I rode my bike all over Chelsea in the wee hours of the morning and praying no one would see me!!!! I wonder how collecting from ppl worked out for him; bet he didn't have as many "no payers" as I had!

Rest in Eternal Peace, John. You left your mark on this planet! Cheers Brother!

Loving and missing you,
Chip and Pat Reinbold

Patricia Reinbold - August 20, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Memories Album



Katelyn - August 20, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Farewell John It was my pleasure to have known and worked with you! RIP my friend!

RW - August 20, 2020 at 06:52 AM



“ Aunt Carol, Fran, and Jan I am heartbroken over the loss of Uncle John. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve your loss. Uncle John is no longer in pain. God always has a reason for calling us home. Uncle John is home. We love you!
Mrs and Mrs. Jeff Cushner

Jeff Cushner - August 17, 2020 at 11:13 PM