



Dominic John Bumbaca Sr.

August 24, 1935 - June 13, 2018

Dominic Bumbaca transferred to his final and eternal duty station on June 13, 2018. He was born August 24, 1935 in Ravenna, Ohio to Leonard and Elisa Bumbaca. He lived all over the country and the world, settling in Northern Virginia for good in 1977. His final home was at the Fairfax near Fort Belvoir. A graduate of Mississippi Southern College in 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed student teaching at the same time. His many experiences led to a career of secrets and adventures that he takes patriotically with him. His many duty stations included Olathe Kansas, Lemoore California, Washington DC, Morocco, Jacksonville Florida, London, England, and Los Alamitos California.

His family is grateful for the moment he met his future wife LTJG and Nurse Effie Joan Brookins of Emmett Idaho, at Great Lakes Naval Base in 1960. They married the following year and spent the next 57 years as loving partners, friends, and travel companions. Their loyalty, love and commitment to each other continues to be an inspiration to all who have been blessed to be a part of their lives.

After a twenty-four year career, Dominic retired as a Captain on a Friday in 1980, moving directly into continued service as a defense contractor the next Monday. He retired in 1997 after 41 years of uninterrupted work.

He was a faithful and active member of every church in the many places he called home. A dedicated father, his greatest joy was the time he had watching his many children, grandchildren, and great grandchild grow and prosper. A second generation Italian by birth, Dominic never forgot his roots, cultivating close connections with his extended family in at least three countries.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Effie Joan Bumbaca. He is greatly missed by two sons and four daughters, Leonard Bumbaca (Priscilla) of Annandale, Julia Bumbaca (Peter) of Fairfax Station, Mary Cullinane (Kevin) of Bethesda, Maryland, Dominic Bumbaca (Marisol) of Springfield, Roxanne Stephens (Michael) of Vienna and Joan Cipriana (Travis) of Houston, Texas. He treasured his relationship with his sister Theresa Ann Navickas (Anthony, deceased) of Overland Park, Kansas, and his nephews and niece Len Navickas (Theresa), Judy Bolton (Steve), and Tim Navickas (Elaine). Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and one great great-grandchild in Virginia, as well as Theresa's eleven grandchildren in Kansas,

The family wishes to express gratitude to the caregivers at the Fairfax Senior Living Community and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital for their loving kindness and help during his final illness.

Visitation will be at the Pierce Funeral Home Funeral Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. on Sunday, June 24. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 25 at 11:00 AM at St. Clare Catholic Church 12409 Henderson Road, Clifton. Interment, with military honors, will follow at 1:00 pm at Quantico National Cemetery. Following the interment a reception will take place at The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir, VA from 4-6 PM.

Our father has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Servants

of Mary, 800 18'th Street, Kansas City, Kansas www.SisterServantsofMary.org
in honor of the service they provided his father over the years.

Condolences may be expressed at www.piercefh.com. Pierce Funeral Home
is handling the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
12409 Henderson Road
Clifton, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Dominic John Bumbaca Sr..*



June 22, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ *To Dominic Jr, Marisol and family: keeping all of you in prayer during this difficult time. Your neighbors in the HOA community, -- Doug and Tom.*

Tom Bahler & Doug Rosson - June 20, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *I will never forget the conversation I had with Dominic when their cat Gabriel died. He was so heartbroken. I knew then that he was a man of love, empathy, and cared for every living thing. Most importantly, his family. I am so honored to be a part of this family.*

Priscilla Bumbaca - June 19, 2018 at 07:18 PM



Moma - June 24, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *Julia, I hope the comfort of your extended family enfolds you this week. Condolences to all. Julia's son David looks so much like the young Dominic John Bumbaca Sr. His legacy includes this! Sincerely, Jesse Wild*

Jesse Wild - June 19, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dominic John Bumbaca Sr..*



June 19, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Natalie Brookins, Sean/Kara and Seth Graves purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dominic John Bumbaca Sr..*



Natalie Brookins, Sean/Kara and Seth Graves - June 18, 2018
at 05:18 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and pray that God will comfort you and hold you in His arms as you remember such a wonderful, kind man. When I visited a few years ago, Donny showed me photos of my Grandma Mary and the Bumbaca family that I had never seen before, and it meant a lot to me. He is at home in heaven and we will all be reunited with Jesus there one day as one big, happy family. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you." John 14:27*
- Rhet (Clark) Peterson

Rhet - June 17, 2018 at 10:19 AM

RT

“ My deepest condolences to the Bumbaca family and prayers of comfort at this time. A life of service is truly to be celebrated. May the memories of his life bring smiles in this difficult time.. Randy Thomas

Randy Thomas - June 16, 2018 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ I love you Daddy. I will be forever inspired by your devotion to family and faith. You were always there for us and I remember many many happy times and weekend trips in England, Scotland, Italy, France and across America. We saw some really cool castles and had many camping trips with tents that took forever to put up. I always thought you looked so handsome in your uniform and I remember going to work with you and being in awe of how committed you were to your job. Some of my happiest memories are watching slides as a family and having popcorn and laughing hysterically all together. You always made time for family. I love you so much.

Julia Bunbaca - June 16, 2018 at 06:45 PM

PS

“ On the day you passed, I was struck by all the love and support as your daughters and sons gathered to comfort you and to help you on your final journey, and to support Effie as she lost her beloved husband and partner of so many years. That scene was very indicative to me of a life well lived and of an especially good, honorable man: husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, naval officer, patriot, and much more. Your legacy lives on in your family, who you raised and provided for dutifully, and which today flourishes. As your son-in-law and part of your extended family, it was a privilege to know you, and I will miss you greatly. Godspeed.

Peter Symmes - June 16, 2018 at 06:07 PM

LI

“ I am truly sorry for your great loss , may the God who gives strength (Philippians 4:13) give you and your family the strength to endure during this challenging time.

Lisa - June 16, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ I am not yet a father in-law, however when that day comes, it is my hope that I can get close to what you were to me.... a second father.
Love, Kevin

Kevin Cullinane - June 16, 2018 at 10:39 AM

LC

“ Grandpa,

What an amazing granpda you have been to everyone, I know how much you love us just by how you fought through many ailments and showed up to every Christmas , get tohther, and thanksgiving. I'll never forget how we would paint eggs on Easter and exploring in West Virginia. Thanks for saying that I was taller than Kevin but I'm still shorter than Alex.

I love you.

-Luke

Luke Cullinane - June 15, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ *Daddy,*

You set the gold standard for what is to be a provider, mentor, citizen and Dad.

Thanks for the compass, I will use it as much as I can.

Dominic Jr.

Dominic Bumbaca - June 15, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Love you daddy, this was my favorite picture of you.*
Roxanne



Roxanne Stephens - June 15, 2018 at 04:37 PM

NB

I am terribly sorry to hear of Uncle Dom's passing... it saddens me greatly, He would check in with me from time to time to inquire about my son Sean Graves and how he was doing after being shot; what progress he had. I am so sorry my family... my thought and prayers are with all of you.

Love always, Natalie Brookins

Natalie Brookins - June 18, 2018 at 04:10 PM

JF

Mary and Family,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Joe French Family

Joe French - June 21, 2018 at 07:11 AM