



John Thomas Bailey

October 17, 1948 - April 23, 2021

John Thomas Bailey, 72, of Manassas, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2021. He was surrounded by his wife and sons.

John was born on October 17, 1948, to Helen and Jordan Bailey at Camp Pendleton in California. After graduating from Woodbridge High School in 1966, he attended Virginia Military Institute. He graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. John was devoted to his Brother Rats who were lifelong friends, travel companions and beach buddies.

After graduation, he served in the Marine Corp for three years. John's first civilian job was as a civil engineer at the Prince William County Service Authority, where he worked from 1973 until his retirement in 2011. In 1974 he met June, and they wed in 1977. He was a loving husband who worked hard to support his family. They had three boys, Wes, John, and Patrick. Together, June and John spent many years cheering for their sons in all their athletic endeavors. He took pride in his sons, and loved their wives Stephanie, Kristin, and Meghan, as well. John was happiest dotting on his young grandsons, Jackson, and William.

John was also a caring uncle and godfather, and a loyal friend to many. He enjoyed fishing on canoe trips, golfing, and yard work. He took pride in immaculately blowing leaves and was extraordinarily detail oriented. He was a

big milk-drinker, green vegetable avoider, and made sure the garbage can was never full.

One of John's biggest passions was planning for and developing his property in Harrisonburg with his late brother Carl. John was quiet and reserved with a subtle sense of humor. Although he was technologically challenged and kept paper copies of everything (in duplicate), which some may call "old school," he appreciated the technology of FaceTime which kept him connected to family and friends near and far.

A viewing will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, on Sunday May 2, 2021 from 4-6pm. Interment will be at Quantico Marine Corp Base at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to MedStar Georgetown University Hospital ICU in John's name. We are so grateful for the care and compassion that he received during his stay there. Donations can be made at the following web address: <https://www.giving.medstarhealth.org/inmemoryofjohnthomasbailey> There will be a celebration of John's life later this summer in Manassas; information to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ John was my Dyke at VMI. As my big brother in the 1st class, he was/is a significant reason why I was able to find it reasonable to join the Marine Corps as an officer candidate and to consider it as a career choice. He was of an extended family of Marines, yet as personable, friendly, and amiable as any good man in the street. I remember you, John! Rest in peace. David Ling

David Ling - August 14, 2021 at 12:58 AM

HB

“ I am absolutely saddened to hear of John's passing. I've cut his hair for years and he has always been one of my most favorite people. We had a wonderful conversation the last time he was in (every time was a pleasure). I will truly miss him. Prayers and love to the family. Truly a wonderful man.

Heather Bell - May 13, 2021 at 05:18 PM

CW

“ I met John in the late summer - early fall of '66 . We were Rats in Charlie Company and he roomed 3-4 rooms down the 4th stoop of new barracks . I think the first time we spoke was during a sweat party in the sinks ... he was laughing ... made me feel a little better . During the next 2-3 years getting to know John better I realized that he was just a good guy ... the kind of person that I'd gladly call a friend ... even though we may not have contact every day . When we were first classmen it was time for class pictures . I did not have the required uniform which was the white blouse ... not all of us did . Anyway the day my picture was scheduled I was in a "shitty" . That means in a panic for those unfamiliar with VMI life . About 30 minutes before my "sitting" I found that John had a blouse and he gladly let me use his . So all was good ... if you notice my senior picture the blouse may seem a little large ... not my fault .. John was a marine.. I wasn't .
I had dinner with John and Warren Grasty about a year and a half ago . I cherish the memory of that get together .

Chuck Wills '70

Chuck Wills - May 05, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AA

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AC Arnn - May 03, 2021 at 08:42 AM

BY

“ *Sooo shocked!! Our loss and heaven’s gain!! June and family, I am so sorry! John was a good man and was liked by everyone who knew him. He was more like a brother to me than a boss! I will miss him, just knowing that he is no longer here with us. May God bless you and your family with strength, peace and comfort. Love and prayers.*

Barb Yorke - May 02, 2021 at 11:22 AM

SR

“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know both John and his brother Carl when assisting them with their land planning efforts in Harrisonburg. I was immediately impressed with John's zest for life, travel, and family. I'll miss receiving updates on grandchildren, long road trips, and occasional river floats. My condolences to all of those lives touched by John's presence.*

Seth Roderick - May 01, 2021 at 09:22 AM

GP

“ *Our Son Greg played soccer with Patrick for many years and we have very fond memories of John and June and the Bailey family. We lost touch as the boys graduated and went off to college. We are very saddened to hear of John’s passing and want to express our condolences to June and her family. God Bless.*
Gary and Theresa Peck

Gary Peck - April 30, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DL

“ I worked for and with John at the Service Authority. He was a pleasure to be around. I have very fond memories of our years spent together on the job and during times of social gatherings. Prayers for the Bailey family and friends during this time of transition. Rest In Peace John.

Daniel Lam - April 30, 2021 at 08:22 PM

CH

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Chip Hallock - April 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM

CH

“ Deepest sympathies to June and the entire Bailey Family. While we were together with John and June just a handful of times as Patrick and Meghan engaged, wed and started a family, we are grateful for those enjoyable occasions. I'm posting a pic as we happily became fathers-in-law and will remember John this way. May memories like this comfort those who loved him.
Chip & Rene Hallock

Chip Hallock - April 30, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Bailey.*



April 30, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Thomas Bailey.*



April 30, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories of his easy going nature and big smile from when our boys were younger. All of you are in my thoughts. I hope the memories you have will give you solace and peace.*

Ken and Sheryle Moore - April 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sarah J. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Thomas Bailey.*



Sarah J. - April 29, 2021 at 06:33 PM