



John & Barbara Cummings

May 16, 2019

John Howard Cummings III unexpectedly passed away at his home in Guntersville, AL on May 16, 2019. Four days later on May 20, 2019, his loving wife of 44 years, Barbara Ann Cummings, passed away.

John was born on June 22, 1955 in Arlington, Virginia to the late Eugene and Elsie (Campitella) Cummings. He was an MP in the US Army. On June 21, 2017, John retired after 42 years of federal service at SMDC's Redstone Arsenal Headquarters Office, Huntsville, AL. He was a Public Affairs Specialist.

Barbara was born on April 19, 1956 in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Albert and Mary Ann (Mangene) Ring. She was an Administrative Officer for the Engineering and Support Center, US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville, AL. She planned to retire in December 2019 after 20 years of federal service.

John and Barbara graduated from J.E.B. Stuart High School, Falls Church, VA. They were high school sweethearts and adored each other. They enjoyed traveling the world during John's military career. John enjoyed US space travel, gardening, cooking and photography. He was known for his sense of humor and was a gentle and kind soul. Barbara was an avid reader and always enjoyed having a book close at hand. She always had a smile on her face and an unforgettable laugh. She enjoyed needlepoint. Both John and

Barbara loved the dogs they had over the years: Jack, Dylan, Gracie and Quinn. They will truly be missed by their loving family and beloved friends.

John and Barbara are survived by their son Michael Cummings and his wife Kimberly; three granddaughters: Katharyne, Annabel, and Tara of Portland, OR; sister Gail (Robert) Buchanan of Gainesville, VA; brother Charles Cummings of Colonial Beach, VA; sister Jeanne Cummings of Bristow, VA; and six nieces and nephews.

A Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA with Deacon Brian Majewski officiating. A reception will immediately follow at the reception hall at the funeral home. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings will be interred together at Culpeper National Cemetery on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

Previous Events

Graveside Services

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Culpeper National Cemetery
305 U.S. Ave
Culpeper, VA 22701

Prayer service

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Manassas, VA 20110
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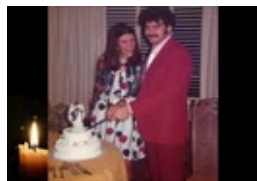
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“ I worked with John (and knew Barb, his lovely wife) for about 13 years at the Army Space and Missile Defense Command public affairs office. During that seemingly brief time, he and I bonded while at work. We often exchanged jokes and stories about such characters as "The Dawg" who was AKA Mike Calhoun, our administrative assistant. There were many days in which John would bring a sense of calm, ease and enjoyment with his colorful personality. His knowledge of both congressional affairs and public affairs was unmatched to anyone I've ever worked with in this career field. John was in essence a walking encyclopedia when it came to materials which were reviewed for public release. His predecessor in this position (Gerda Sherrill) was also a gem to this operation in the PAO. John is greatly missed by those who knew him and worked with him including Dottie White, Bill Congo (director of PAO, circa 1985 - 2011), Giselle Bodin, Debra Valine, Jason Cutshaw, Dan Coberly, Carrie David, Anner Lynch, Mike Calhoun, and myself. Farewell my friend. May God keep you and your lovely wife in his loving hands.

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“ We’re so sorry for your loss. John and Barb were a loving and kind couple. We’ll always remember how at home they made us feel when we visited several years ago. I always looked forward to their annual Christmas letter . They will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pat and Patty Posney

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Gail and Jeanne, My deepest sympathy to both of you. Don't think I ever met Charles, but Elsie use to speak of him quite often. John was the same age as my son Doug and Elsie and I used to talk about them playing football a lot. Sending lots of love and prayers. Bettie Williams

Bettie Williams - June 15, 2019 at 08:52 PM