



John Dale Blanchard

April 22, 1928 - August 7, 2016

On August 7, 2016 John Dale Blanchard (88) left this life to join his wife, Rose. Before leaving, John lived a full life during which he served his country, his community, and, most passionately, his family: his daughter Debra McCorkle, her husband Jack and their sons Matthew and Peter; and his son Bruce, his wife Ann, and their children John, Neil and Sarah Blanchard.

John was born in Alexandria, Virginia, graduated from George Washington High School, served two tours in the United States Air Force, and attended Wake Forest and George Washington Universities, where he earned both a B.S. and an MBA. While in school, he began working for the United States Government, where he found true joy in serving the United States military in various civilian positions. His career was one of accelerated success, and he eventually became a Senior Service executive (SES), attaining the highest civilian grade, and receiving numerous achievement awards, including a Presidential Award presented to him by President Carter in 1980. He was a longtime leader in the Army Material Command (AMC), where he focused not only on procurement but also on the ethics of government contracting.

In 1984, John retired from the AMC, and went to work for Martin Marietta Corporation where he served as an executive vice president.

Upon his retirement from Martin Marietta, John began a new career as a caretaker for Rose, who was battling Parkinson's disease, and as "Grandpa". In his capacity as Grandpa, he spent 18 years in the high stakes sports world of his grandchildren, never missing a little league, CYO, or scholastic game, and never failing to challenge the missed calls of countless umpires and referees. His ideal days were spent sitting behind a backstop, along a sideline, or in a gym watching John, Neil and Sarah play a game, or competing against Matthew and Peter in a hard fought round of golf or a spirited game of poker on the Outer Banks.

John was greatly loved, and he will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends from 9:00-9:45am Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00am Thursday, August 11, 2016 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall

Road, Manassas, Virginia. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - August 16, 2016 at 01:30 PM

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“ Love Jodie and Fred purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Dale Blanchard.



Love Jodie and Fred - August 10, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Dale Blanchard.



August 09, 2016 at 01:16 PM