



Col. John F. Concannon

June 22, 1942 - March 18, 2015

COL. John F. Concannon III, USA, Ret., died 18 March 2015 after a brief illness.

John was born to Edna (Pat) and John (Jack) Concannon Jr. on 22 June 1942 in Boston, MA.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda, and daughters, son-in-law and three beautiful granddaughters, a sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephews.

John graduated from Boston Latin School, attended Northeastern University and graduated from the US Military Academy, West Point, NY in 1965. He had a 30 year career in the Army, much of it spent overseas in diplomatic assignments. After retirement in 1995 he continued his service by working for the federal government.

Funeral Mass will be at Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville, VA April 6 at 2 PM. Interment will be at the West Point Cemetery, April 10 at 10 AM.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Catholic Extension Society of the USA, 150 South Wacker Dr., Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606 (www.catholicextension.org) or The Washington Revels, 531 Dale Dr., Silver Spring, MD20910 (www.revelsdc.org)

Condolences may be left at www.piercefh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met John in early 2009. John was a remarkable man. He was always an absolute gentleman and eager to share his knowledge and experience with those who needed it from junior analysts to senior Cabinet member officials. He was a true hero of the cold war, serving in many locations abroad, becoming a senior expert on Soviet/Russian affairs, a double inductee into both the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame and the Defense Attache Hall of Fame after completing an outstanding 30 year career with the US Army. From there, he soon came to the Department of Energy (DOE) where he continued to make contributions to national security. John provided intelligence briefings to the DOE Secretary on numerous occasions and his briefings always received laudatory comments. He provided insights on Russian politics that likely saved the US Government millions of dollars. His contributions to national intelligence at DOE post his military career led to his being part of team that received direct recognition from the Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, during a National Intelligence Awards Ceremony. In spite of his many accomplishments, John was a true team player and readily accepted any challenge or task with a smile and an infectious positive attitude. I will most remember when he brought me a Concannon tea bag and told me the story of the Concannon tea being involved in the Boston Tea Party during the Revolutionary War. The enthusiasm and the joy with which he told the story was something that I witnessed time and time again, when he would willingly share his knowledge of Soviet/Russian affairs with anyone that needed help. His energy, spirit, and graciousness will be sorely missed. My heartfelt sympathies for his Linda and the rest of his wonderful family. The world is truly a poorer place without him.-Chuck Durant, DOE.

Charles Durant - April 06, 2015 at 04:45 AM

KW

“ I served as John and Linda's Finnish instructor at FSI before John's assignment in Finland. John was always very kind, appreciative, and worked very hard at learning a difficult language. I met him, not too long ago, by chance at Harris Teeter parking lot in Reston and we had a nice chat, updating our lives and reminiscing about the past. He was the same gentle John I always remembered.

My heartfelt condolences to Linda and family.

Kaija Wilson

Kaija Wilson - April 02, 2015 at 01:38 PM

NH

“ John was a patriot, scholar and a warrior. His insight into military, political and social issues were always appreciated. His character was beyond reproach. I always valued my conversations with John as I was always learning something. He was always willing to give of himself and his time to help others. I shall miss our conversations and time together. He will be greatly missed. It was an honor and privilege knowing this man and the impact he had in safeguarding our nation. May he rest in peace.

Neil J. Hornung - April 01, 2015 at 09:00 AM

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“ I remember John and Linda when we all served at the embassy in Moscow. I was Sheena Dugan then and my husband ,Mike, worked with John. He was a kind and gentle man and always had time to greet you with a smile and a chat. I send my condolences to you,Linda, and your girls. Sheena Sopato.

Sheena Sopato - March 29, 2015 at 08:38 AM

PC

“ My sincere condolences to Linda Concannon , his three daughters,family , and friends.I always looked forward to seeing John at A/2/12 Infantry reunions and events in the Washington D.C. area ,he always had a happy smile and seemed genuinely pleased to see me and other's.The A/2/12 Reunions will never be the same without him .John was a brilliant man who was a great conversationalist on a wide range of topics!John was a true gentleman , family man, and friend to scores of old soldiers and people he met over the years! He was a patriot who actively served his country for over thirty years as a U.S. Army officer in Vietnam and many other duty stations around the world! The United States and the world is a poorer place without him! God Bless you and your family !R.I.P.

Peter Cullen - March 27, 2015 at 10:04 AM