



## John Oliver Gregory

March 5, 1922 - June 4, 2018

John Oliver Gregory, age 96, of Manassas Virginia entered his eternal life on Monday, June 4th surrounded by loving family. A fine gentleman from a generation past, when class and character were important to the way of life.

Born in Manassas on March 5, 1922 to John and Virginia Gregory. He and his family have been a pillar of Manassas. John served in WWII for the Coast Guard, stationed in both the Pacific and Atlantic regions of operations. He also served as Commander for the Veterans of Foreign War. He founded Gregory Construction in 1954 which has played a vital role in shaping the landscape of Manassas, Prince William County, and the surrounding region. John's passion in construction was building churches and his detail was impeccable.

John was very active in the community. In 1964, he was one of the Founders of Prince William Hospital, and sat on the Board of Directors. He was co-founder and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Security Bank, now part of BB&T. He sat on the Manassas Economic Development Authority Board until he stepped down last June at the age of 95. He has dedicated his life to serving local, state, national, and international causes of the Lion's Club here in Manassas for over 70 years. He was International Director for three years and awarded the highest honor of the Lion's Club, the Melvin Jones Award for Service and the Ambassador of Good Will. John and his wife, Angela, were instrumental in forming the Republican Party in Manassas. He

served as Chairman of the City of Manassas, Manassas Park, and PW County Republican Party and was elected to the State Central Committee. John served on Board of Directors for the Flory Small Business Center, Inc. until his death. He was also a lifelong member of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

John is survived by his sister, Mariam Gregory Dvorak and his brother, Gerald Gregory, both of Manassas; his three grandchildren: Taylor Grace, Jessica Angela, and John Scott, Jr. He leaves behind six nieces and nephews: Sharon Jacobs, Deborah Mallonee, William Gregory, Larry Gregory, Lorraine Neill and Annette Wyeth. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lawrence & Virginia Strode; his wife, Angela; his son, John Scott, Sr., and his two brothers, Elwood and James.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas. Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas with Pastor Jeff Wilson officiating. Internment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions of the following:

The Flory Small Business Center <https://www.florybusinesscenter.com/>

The Freedom Museum <http://freedommuseum.org/>

The Lion's Club International-Preserving Sight Foundation

<https://www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/donate-now.php>

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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JUN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church  
8712 Plantation Lane  
Manassas, VA

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *What a kind and thoughtful gentleman who supported his community and also achieved much! Mr. Gregory was a man of high standards and integrity. My sympathies on his passing.*

*Sharon Pandak*

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**Sharon Pandak** - June 19, 2018 at 09:28 PM

WJ

“ *Remembering John as the embodiment of all the values that we aspire to embrace. What an exemplary life!*

*Walter C. Davis, Jr.  
Electrical Contractor and friend*

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**Walter C. Davis, Jr.** - June 13, 2018 at 07:07 PM

JP

“ I knew Mr. Gregory in his affiliation to the Freedom Museum. He was a kind friend and loyal supporter who understood our mission and helped veterans in any way he could. I am grateful to have known him as his effectiveness as a builder is visible on the skyline of Manassas. I will miss him and cherish memories of his friendship. We at the museum pray his family will be comforted by John's steadfast love of Jesus and the good he left in his wake.

*Jim Porter*  
*President, Freedom Museum*



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**Jim Porter** - June 11, 2018 at 09:05 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I served on the Economic Development Board with John and he was always looked at as a mentor to this board and community. What a great personality. He will be sorely missed! RIP John.

*James L. Rudzenski*

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**James Rudzenski** - June 10, 2018 at 10:11 AM

JK

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing John but I walk the very halls he helped to build at Prince William Medical Center. Thank you John for your vision, your compassion, and your commitment to our community to make it a better place. His character is a true beacon for us all to aspire. Rest assured, I will speak of John often as I share the history of the hospital. My most heartfelt condolences and prayers are sent to the Gregory family during this difficult time and in appreciation of John's rich and rewarding life.

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**Jude Kelly** - June 09, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ John always had a twinkle in his eye and a kind smile. He was so humble, but was connected to everyone. He had held the stage with Presidents and mentored countless people to leadership. His stories were captivating and his memory was sharp. He always stood when a lady walked in the room. A true gentlemen. Thank you John for your friendship and wisdom. My deepest sympathies to his family. during this time of sorrow.

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**Theresa Coates Ellis** - June 08, 2018 at 08:31 PM

SR

“ I worked with John for 21 years and without a doubt he was the kindest and most gentle person I have ever known. I have said many times that he was the closest to being my father other than my actual father. From time to time I was not the easiest person to work with but he was always easy going and in a level mood. He will be greatly missed.

*Sterling Rush*

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**Sterling Rush** - June 08, 2018 at 04:46 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Gregory built our church building. Whenever I would come over to pay the draw, he was always cheerful and a willing conversationalist. No matter how busy he was, he took the time to chat. He was a true gentleman in all of my dealings with him and his company. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

*Dave Button  
Manassas Church of Christ*

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**Dave Button** - June 08, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ *1 file added to the album A Story of a Lifetime*



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - June 08, 2018 at 08:01 AM

SM

“ *The Family Members of PID John O. Gregory*

*Sunita & I are saddened to learn about the sad demise of PID John O. Gregory.  
May God's blessings and his memories will support you forever. We sincerely share your grief and convey our heartfelt condolences to entire family on this sad bereavement.*

*PID Lion Shyam Malpani*

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**Shyam Malpani** - June 08, 2018 at 05:47 AM

GR

“ Dear Gregory Family,

*I am very sorry to hear about the passing away of PID Lion John O. Gregory. He was a dedicated Lion. His services and initiatives as a Lion are an inspiration to all of us and he will be greatly missed.*

*Shantha and I would like to express our sincere condolences to his family.*

*May the comfort of God help you through this difficult time. I pray to the Almighty to give you the strength and courage to face the days ahead.*

*Commitment out of Compassion achieves Success.  
Hand in Hand with you in Lionism.*

*With regards,  
G Ramaswamy. GR. PID  
Board Appointee 2017-18*

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**G. Ramaswamy** - June 07, 2018 at 11:45 PM

DC

“ *Deeply saddened to hear of our dear friend's passing. He was a wonderful man and humanitarian. He and Angela were a very special couple...truly special.*

*I think of John often....we spent so many memorable times with both he and Angela.*

*Rest in peace dear friend....so comforted to know that you have been reunited with those you loved so much.*

*Debbie Chaffin*

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**Debbie Chaffin** - June 07, 2018 at 08:26 PM

JO

*So sorry to hear of John's passing. So many memories of John and Angela. Rest in peace.*

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**Jim and Betty Coffey, Toronto. Ohio** - June 07, 2018 at 09:25 PM

SN

*John and Angela were great supporters of the Bull Run Republican Women's Club since its inception; Angela even serving as president. They were both such inspirations to all members to work hard for good government and always to be kind and thoughtful as they were. We will miss them always but never forget their leadership. Our heartfelt condolences go to all remaining members of the family.*

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**sheila and lee niemela** - June 08, 2018 at 07:26 PM

SL

“ Dear Gregory Family,

*We were very sorry to hear about the recent terribly sad loss of John O. Gregory.*

*We know he will be sorely missed.*

*Please accept our deepest condolences at this most difficult time.*

*We will keep your family in our prayers.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*PID Somsakdi and Somran Lovisuth  
Bangkok  
Thailand*

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**Somsakdi Lovisuth** - June 07, 2018 at 07:56 PM

DL

“ *John Gregory was a real true gentleman in every sense of the word. He gave his all in everything he was involved in. Prayers for family and friends. Rest in peace.*

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**Daniel Lam** - June 07, 2018 at 11:48 AM

KS

“ *Sending my sympathy and prayers to John's family as they celebrate a life so well lived. Kathleen Seefeldt*

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**Kathleen Seefeldt** - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

LH

“ *Love, Austin and Linda Haynes purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Oliver Gregory.*



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**Love, Austin and Linda Haynes** - June 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JH

“ *John was a good friend. I served with him on the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International in 1978. He was a true Patriot and always found good in everyone he met. RIP MY FRIEND.*



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**John Hoyle** - June 07, 2018 at 10:25 AM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the album Gregory Family



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**Sharon Gregory Jacobs** - June 07, 2018 at 09:48 AM

AH

“ *I used to tell John that I considered him to be like a second father. He was always that kind to me. Just last week at the hospital, he wanted to talk about my projects and not about himself, that was the way he always was. He was fiercely loyal to both family and friends and he always made time for others. He was my personal hero and I cannot say that about anyone else I have ever known. I pray he is holding Angela and Scott in his arms now.*

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**Austin Haynes** - June 07, 2018 at 09:46 AM

HS

“ John Gregory was a kind and gentle person, one of the finest men to ever grace and serve our community, State and Nation and also as a warrior and soldier in the US Army.

*John gave of himself to the very end !.*

*It was a very, very sad day when John left us , but the Lord needed him and called him away after his great service here on earth.*

*We'll all miss him and I'll especially miss his friendship and guidance and our talks on how to make our community a better place.*

*His Spirit will continue to be with us, and I know he will rest in peace with all the fine service he has given us!*

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**HOLMES STEELE SMITH** - June 07, 2018 at 08:24 AM

 Lion  
Va

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**Lion Va** - June 07, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Oliver Gregory.*



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June 07, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of John Oliver Gregory.* ”



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June 07, 2018 at 07:19 AM