



## John Dester Stewart, Jr.

January 9, 1950 - July 23, 2016

John Dester Stewart, Jr.

John Dester Stewart, Jr. (66) of Manassas died Saturday, July 23, 2016, in Remington surrounded by family after a seven-month battle with cancer.

Born January 9, 1950, in Raleigh, North Carolina, he lived on military bases across the country before settling in Arlington, Virginia in the late 1960s. After working for several years in various service jobs, he became an apprentice locksmith at Rollins Lock and Safe. John, along with his wife, opened Sterling Lock and Key in the 1970s, Econolock in the 1980s, and Patriot Locksmith Academy in the 2000s. He continued locksmithing until 2015 as a member of the IUOE local #99 Union and AECOM.

John took great joy in his locksmithing work, his family, tinkering with computers and electronics, the Washington Redskins, bluegrass music, traveling to tropical locations, scenic drives, entrepreneurship, and teaching. He took great pride in his family and friendships, and always encouraged those in his life to "Think positive!"

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Teresa E. Stewart; his children, James Stewart, Christina Carter, and Angelina Camacho (Adam); granddaughters, Daniella Stewart and Emma Carter; grandsons, Jonathan Stewart, Jimmy

Carter and Yanixan Stewart and his sisters Donna Kraynak (Dale) and Deborah Morris (Larry).

A celebration of his life will be held at Grace Life Community Church in Bristow, VA, on August 5, 2016 at 11am with a reception to follow.

Contributions in John's name can be made to the Kidney Cancer Association ([kidneycancer.org](http://kidneycancer.org)) or Four Diamonds Childhood Cancer Organization ([fourdiamonds.org](http://fourdiamonds.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Life Community Church  
9560 Linton Hall Rd  
Bristow, VA 20136  
(571) 229-1700

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Buck and Girls (Karen, Sandy, Cheryl and Bev purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Dester Stewart, Jr..*



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**Uncle Buck and Girls (Karen, Sandy, Cheryl and Bev** - August 04, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of John Dester Stewart, Jr..*



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August 03, 2016 at 03:41 PM

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“ *John welcomed us and each new resident who moved into our condo with his smile and best wishes. He will be remembered and missed greatly.*

*Alene & Darrell Mullins*

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**Alene S. Mullins** - August 01, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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“ *Brenda Bailey & Glenda Henegar families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Dester Stewart, Jr..*



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**Brenda Bailey & Glenda Henegar families** - July 31, 2016 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Christena Dilello lit a candle in memory of John Dester Stewart, Jr.*



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**Christena Dilello** - July 27, 2016 at 05:21 PM

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*Always in our hearts you will be.*

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**Christena Dilello** - July 27, 2016 at 05:23 PM