



## John Michael Denion, Sr.

April 1, 1931 - August 4, 2016

John Michael Denion, Sr. of Maitland, Florida passed away August 4, 2016 after a brief illness and many years of independence and perseverance in the face of other health challenges. Mr. Denion was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania and grew up in Freeland, Pennsylvania, where he attended Saint Ann's Parochial School and graduated from MMI Preparatory School. He also lived in Reisterstown, MD and Medford, NJ.

He was a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and was a retired Branch Chief for the Health Care Financing Administration. He had a long career during which he helped establish the framework for the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs; however, the most rewarding part to him was the fieldwork he did earlier for the Social Security Administration. He retired in 1987 and was a resident of Maitland, Florida since 1994.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, a favorite uncle to many and a memorable member of every community in which he lived, since he always spared a moment to stop and talk. As his children were growing up, he was a surrogate father and mentor to many of their friends, who relied upon him for advice and guidance. He enjoyed writing poetry for his family and cooking but he will be most remembered for his sense of humor and his ability to tell a good story in the finest Irish tradition. He was John the Beloved.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ann Noel Brennan Denion, who was by his side when he passed away. He is also survived by his sons John (Deatre) Denion, Jr. of Pooler, Georgia, Conal (Nancy) Denion of White Plains, New York, and Christopher Denion of Sanford, Florida as well as his daughter Ann Denion (David) Hoskins of Bedford, New York. He also leaves his loving grandchildren Alexis Zalewski, Cecelia Denion, Aaron Denion, Julia Denion, Joanna Denion and Chloe Hoskins. He is survived by his sisters Joan Boyle and Margaret Vineis and his brother, Cornelius Denion. He was predeceased by his son, Joseph Denion, his parents Cecelia and Cornelius Denion, his brother William Denion and his sisters Mary Grace Jones and Patricia Mulhearn.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 526 North Park Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2016 and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 North Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida.

A memorial service and internment will be held at a later date in Freeland, Pennsylvania. Details will be shared when they become available.

Memorial Donations in the memory of John M. Denion, Sr. may be made to: Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, 2570 Blvd. of the Generals, Ste. 124, Norristown, PA 19403.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

BG

“ Dear Ann, I looked for you on facebook and this was the first thing I saw. I am so very sorry for your loss. I have been thinking of you and the lovely day I had with you and Chloe in London. You may have still been there when your Dad passed away. I pray thsat you may be comforted by your many good memories of your Dad. Lots of love,

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Graham** - August 25, 2016 at 04:39 PM

MR

“ Ann I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you prayers and positive energy.

*With Love, Michelle Van Riper*

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**Michelle Van Riper** - August 12, 2016 at 12:08 PM

LG

“ Our thoughts are with the entire Denion family and especially our friends, the Hoskins family. Warm hugs of comfort coming your way. Leigh, Andrea, Stefan, Alessandro and Sonia

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**Leigh Giusti** - August 12, 2016 at 07:32 AM

CB

“ The best memory I have of your father, Mr. Denion, is that he was my father's best friend. I always liked the way the two of them got along, laughed and had a good time. Mr. Denion was also a second father to me while Chris and I were growing up.

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**Chris Brockow** - August 09, 2016 at 07:54 PM

CD

*Thank you, Brother.*

**chris Denon** - August 10, 2016 at 08:42 PM

JJ

*We remember both your Mom and dad with great affection*

**John Denion Jr** - August 12, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Denion, Sr..*



August 08, 2016 at 08:52 PM

GD

“ *Aunt Ann, Chris, John, Ann Cecilia, and Conal, Suzy and I were deeply saddened to hear of Jonn's passing. I know he lived a good long life that was filled with family and love but we deeply mourn his passing for the sake of us who knew and cared for him. Forever in my memory his unique voice will resonate with a barely suppressed laugh as he was telling a story or joke. I will always remember the kindness I felt emanating from him, especially when I was a young boy. He always made me feel welcome. Our love and prayers are with you all. We wish you comfort knowing he is surely resting in Christ's peace and he will be there waiting when we arrive.*

**Gerard Denion** - August 08, 2016 at 08:25 PM

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**Gerard Denion** - August 08, 2016 at 08:23 PM

JF

“ Joan, Jerry and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Michael Denion, Sr..



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**Joan, Jerry and Family** - August 08, 2016 at 07:35 PM

TG

“ The Family of Thersa and Will Graham purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Michael Denion, Sr..



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**The Family of Thersa and Will Graham** - August 08, 2016 at 01:50 PM

TF

“ *The Vineis Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Michael Denion, Sr..*



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**The Vineis Family** - August 08, 2016 at 09:20 AM

MD

“ *May God give you and your family strength during your time of bereavement.*

*Revelation 14:13*

*13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”*

*Martha Davidson & the Sanitation Bureau*

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**Martha Davidson** - August 08, 2016 at 07:23 AM

WL

“ *We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. We send you thoughts of comfort.*

*From: Willie London and the entire Street Cleaning Department.*



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**Willie London** - August 08, 2016 at 07:14 AM

MA

“ Aunt Ann, Christopher, John, Ann, and Conal, we were so sorry to hear about Uncle John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With Deepest sympathy--- Love, Mary Clare and Steve

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**maryclare** - August 08, 2016 at 06:00 AM