



John Woodruff Martin

October 11, 2016

Martin, John Woodruff, 72, a native and lifelong resident of St. Petersburg, passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. He attended Northward Elementary, Mirror Lake Junior High, St. Petersburg High School (1962), SPJC, USF and served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1968.

He retired after 34 years of service to the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Bay Pines, in Education Services.

He loved music, Jeeps, and meeting people. He is a past member of the Civitan Club where his favorite time of the year was when they sold fruitcakes. John was active in his church at St. Paul's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Praise band, the CRHP community, and Knights of Columbus where he held several offices, including Faithful Navigator of the Frank J. Lewis Fourth Degree Assembly.

John is survived by his wife of 48 years; Cheryl, son; Michael (Kaelin); daughter; Kathleen, and grandchildren; Joey, Kai and Mila.

A grateful "Thank You" goes to the C. W. Bill Young Veterans Hospital staff who gave John so much care and love during his recent illnesses, especially Dr. Steimle, Dr. Malowzedah, Kathy, Laurie, Brian, Joanna, Beth, Ruth, Linda, Deb, Donnie, Barry, Alma, Noemie, Pat and Angie.

Services will be held Saturday, October 15, 2016 at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Viewing will be at 11:30 am, Mass will be at 12:30. Interment will be at a later time at Bay Pines National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of John Woodruff Martin uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck Peterman - Work Associate posted a condolence Cheryl & Family...May he rest in peace. John had such a generous heart and was always a positive man. He was a true Veterans advocate and did a lot to help Veterans. It was an Honor to work with John and may God make his heavenly rise a joyous occasion. Janet & I send our deepest sympathy. We know the Lord welcomes him, a faithful, good and loyal servant.*

Chuck Peterman - Work Associate - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sally and Ed Evans - friends from Lutheran Church of the Cross posted a condolence Cheryl and family, Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We have many memories of John and choir days so long ago at Lutheran Church of the Cross. May you find peace in good times and memories. It was an unexpected pleasure to see you at the luncheon several weeks ago. God bless! Sally*

Sally and Ed Evans - friends from Lutheran Church of the Cross - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dick Shively - Co-worker posted a condolence John was one of those people you wanted to take a minute or two and stop and talk to him. He never had a negative word to say about anything or anyone at the VA. His passing will be missed by everyone that was close to him. Hopefully some of us will be able to see him again, in the heavenly world above....

Dick Shively - Co-worker - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mardi McCurdy McGee - Friend posted a condolence Cheryl, I'm so sorry about John's passing. I still remember your wedding. I only wish I had stayed in touch with John and you. I've always remembered him as a very sweet and kind man. May God comfort you at this difficult time. Your "always" friend, Mardi

Mardi McCurdy McGee - Friend - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

M'

“ Molly Hillman Krebs - Classmate (SPHS '62) posted a condolence Molly and Jack Krebs - Classmate (SPHS 1962) and co-worker Cheryl, Jack and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. The service today at St. Paul's was lovely. He obviously leaves behind many friends. We will miss him at our future class reunions, but would certainly welcome you. I didn't find a book to sign at the church so I am writing this here. You and your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Molly

Molly Hillman Krebs - Classmate (SPHS '62) - October 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Carol Allard - coworker posted a condolence I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was always so friendly and cheerful. He went out of his way to help everyone. He was a fixture at the VA Regional Office for so many years. Condolences to the family.

Carol Allard - coworker - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Gina Kizer - Co-worker posted a condolence Condolences are sent to the Martin family. I did not work on a daily basis with John. However, our paths did cross years ago at the Regional Office prior to Education Services becoming apart of the Atlanta office. He will be best remembered for his humor, smile and 'will' and 'strength' to move forward. He possessed a positive attitude R.I.P. John

Gina Kizer - Co-worker - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Colette Curley - co-worker posted a condolence To the Martin family: sorry to hear of the death of John. Worked in the same building as him here at the VA for many years and he was always so friendly and would stop to talk to you.

Colette Curley - co-worker - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rick Robertson - Co-worker/friend posted a condolence Cheryl, Susie and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. He will be greatly missed by those of us that knew him! When Chuck and I saw John last Thursday (10/6), he was telling us he was going to send a letter to the Director about how bad some of the food was and Veterans needed better. John was always looking out for veterans! May God Bless you and the family with his grace! Blessings Rick

Rick Robertson - Co-worker/friend - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM