



## John Leo Carroll

July 31, 2019

John Leo Carroll, formerly of Evansville, Indiana died on July 31, 2019 in Sarasota at the age of 97. His loving wife Patricia and his six children survive him.

John was born in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Leo and Mary Howe Carroll. He was raised in Hammond Indiana and attended Indiana University before WWII. He was in the Army's 104th Infantry Division (Timberwolf) during World War II serving in combat in the European Theater and received a Bronze Star for action on the Battlefield. After the War he graduated, Cum Laude, from Indiana University at what is now known as the Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana in 1948. He moved to Evansville, Indiana after graduation where he practiced Law for 40 years before retiring to Sarasota in 1988. John was a founding partner, along with Edwin Johnson, of the Law Firm of Johnson and Carroll (now Johnson, Carroll, Norton & Kent). His son Brian is a senior partner in the firm.

John was President of the Evansville Bar Association in 1969-1970 and received the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award from the Evansville Bar Association in 1961. He was President of the Indiana State Bar Association in 1983-1984 and is a Fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation. He was in the General Practice of Law and one of the highlights of his career was arguing a case before the United States Supreme Court in 1981. He was elected to the

Indiana University Academy of Law Alumni in 1996. He was a founding member of the Board of Overseers of St. Meinrad Seminary and served on the Board for more than 25 years. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Robert Orr in 1988 and was a Kentucky Colonel. While John was in Sarasota, he was President of Palm-Aire Country Club.

John and his wife Patricia Carroll were married for 69 years and had six children: Barbara Carroll Rogers (Doug and his son, Adam) of Branford, Connecticut, Timothy Carroll (Jonathan) of Palm Springs, California, John Patrick Carroll (Susan) of Sebring, Florida, Brian Carroll (Nancy) of Evansville, Indiana, Cezanne Carroll Allen (Demi) of Bainbridge Island, Washington and John L. Carroll Jr. of Seattle, Washington. He had six grandchildren, Michael Carroll, Kimberly Carroll, Benjamin Carroll, Sean Carroll, Haley Allen and Bryson Allen who preceded him in death in June 2019. His sister, Therese Carroll Kloak, survives him.

John was very active in his retirement years as he played tennis and golf until he was 90. He authored a number of books and articles on various subjects and spent 6 months in the Ukraine as part of an American Bar Association program to help the former Soviet Republics adopt a western style legal system.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the following organizations: Bryson Allen Scholarship Fund c/o Bainbridge Island Rowing, 221 Winslow Way West, #102 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. (<https://bainbridgerowing.org>). Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) )

A memorial funeral mass will be held Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Sarasota, Florida with full military honors burial at 1:30 p.m. at Sarasota National Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Discovery Village and Tidewell Hospice for taking such excellent and loving care of John in his final days.