



John Charles Greer, Sr.

March 6, 2023

John Charles Greer Sr., born in South Bend, Indiana, to Arnold and Esther Greer, passed away on March 6, 2023, at the age of 82, after a twelve-year valiant battle with Parkinson's disease. He will be remembered as a loving partner, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and friend.

John is survived by his partner of 32 years, Fely Melicado, and their son, Jonathan Greer. He also leaves behind his son, John Greer Jr., and daughters, Debbie and Melanie, from a previous marriage. John was a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. John is also survived by his only sibling, Joni Greer, nephew Richard and wife Melinda and two children, all live in California.

John's passion in life was playing squash, tennis, and sailing. He was also known for his love of vintage cars and was a well-respected Corvette collector. He and his family have traveled around the USA in their RV to see the many state and national parks. John was a successful entrepreneur who studied Financial Economics and graduated at the University of Florida in 1963. He purchased his first car for trading in 1957, became a car dealer in 1963. To date, his car dealership in Bradenton is still open and running. John Greer Auto Sales is one of the oldest Car Dealerships in the Bradenton area. In 1966, his good friend, Butch Glasgow (Founder and CEO of USA Fence) gave him a book that inspired him to buy his first rental (a 4-plex), the year his first son was born and since then had added many more properties both in Bradenton and Sarasota locations. John was presented a Certificate of Recognition by Wealth Builders of Sarasota Members for the Year 1998 for his Tireless Efforts and Dedicated Service to the Club as the Executive Director. John was also the founder of Young Entrepreneurs of Sarasota (YES) Group in 2005 along with three other friends. He was a very positive and determined man, a great teacher, a mentor, undeniably a grand master, full of knowledge and enthusiasm. He helped many people in his journey in life.

When John was first diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, John and Fely were tireless about battling the disease and were proactive in finding ways to make him comfortable.

He became an active member of Parkinson's Place in Sarasota. He regularly attended classes and activities at Parkinson's Place. When they reopened during the pandemic, John was eager to return to his routine at Parkinson's Place. He was so happy when he saw his friends over there. We were very grateful for Parkinson's Place.

John will be remembered for his friendly nature, kind spirit, great sense of humor, and his love for his family. He was a dedicated partner to Fely, a loving father to his children, and a doting grandfather to his grandchildren.

John's legacy will live on through his family and friends. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Rest in peace John.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider a donation to Parkinson's Place at 5969 Cattleridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34232 (<https://parkinsonplace.org>). Tel: (941-893-4188

A Memorial Service to Honor John C Greer, Sr., will be held:

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 2:00 pm

A small reception will follow immediately after the service.

Toale Brothers Funeral Home

40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

Please let Fely know if you will be joining us for the service and reception by April 1, 2023 (941-812-2183).

A Celebration of Life will be held at the John Greer Auto Sales/Investors Realty of Bradenton location in Bradenton and DATE will be announced later.

Obituary Prepared by Fely, Greer Family and Burr and Maria Jennings

Investors Realty of Bradenton

John Greer Auto Sales

5420 15th St East

Bradenton, FL 34203

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

40 N. Orange Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 955-4171

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<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Tribute Wall

MJ

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marie jabkob - June 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

RS

“ John Greer touched many lives in many ways. I met John through sailing. I was looking for a dock for my 34 ft sailboat and came across an ad John ran offering dockage for occasional use of the boat. My boat was at his dock for 16 yrs. Fely came into his life shortly after we met and we had many great sailing. trips and races plus we both had No. Carolina mountain homes where we had many land adventures. The years have taken their toll but the memories will last until the end. Rest in peace, John.

Robert Smith - April 15, 2023 at 02:35 PM

FM

Oh Bob. You’re so sweet. Thank you for your kind words. We had fun memories together and we cherished every moment of it with you and Susie. Sending hugs to you both and thank you for coming to John’s Celebration of Life. Love you and Susie. Take care and God bless!

Fely Melicado - July 26, 2023 at 02:20 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Charles Greer, Sr..



April 15, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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marie jakob - April 13, 2023 at 09:23 AM

AG

“ Days gone by
Rest in Peace John
-Anita Glasgoe



Anita Glasgow - April 11, 2023 at 10:12 AM

DL

“ I always called John the “squash ambassador” of Sarasota, because he not only played, but he was always bringing new people in and introducing them to the sport. If not for John, many people who are now regulars would never have begun playing Squash. And then there were his YES meetings, always fun and entertaining. RIP John, we will all miss you very much! Prayers for Fely and the entire family.

Drew Lowther - April 04, 2023 at 12:04 PM

GL

“ Fely, Jonathan and family, my prayers and condolences are with you. Your beautiful holiday parties, tennis 1-2-3 at B and R, and the joy seeing Jonathon and Andrew “hanging” when they were practically toddlers are a few special memories. Please find peace knowing you shared a life with John rich in laughter and love.

Grace, Andrew, Ben Lee and Anthony

Grace Lee - April 03, 2023 at 03:52 PM

“ My condolences to the whole Greer family who shared their lives with my brother John. John was my only sibling and this is so hard to write. When I was born, John and I were 5-1/2 years apart, thus we spent most of our adult years with different lives apart from each other. Nevertheless, we did share a few memories as children which I will always cherish. We lived in the country so I was a pest always trying to get him to play with me which he usually refused. When I was four years old, I talked him into playing doctor and nurse with me to a perform a much needed medical checkup on my doll. He reluctantly agreed and my Mom snapped a pic quickly before he changed his mind. Another time when I was three, we both visited and played with our Beagles together in the dog pen and that was a very happy moment for me that I will always remember for I loved the dogs. And at another moment in time, when we first started visiting Florida in the winter, the family had an outing with my grandmother on Bradenton Beach. From the look on John’s face, I think he was enjoying the white powdery sand and sunny day which was so different from northern Indiana.

Later as he grew up, John became interested in cars since my Dad was in the business, and he loved building and driving them. When my great Aunt Ella would come to visit in her gorgeous Cadillac, John did not have a driver’s license yet (12-13), so he would proudly drive her around our pasture in his shiny Model T with her riding in the real leather rumble seat. She got the biggest kick out that and I think he did too. My Dad built a special carport to keep it covered. I also recall one time as a kids being on a road trip through the Smoky Mountains, riding in John’s perfectly polished red Austin Healey with rolling Isinglass windows. He made me kick the dirt off my feet before getting in to show respect for his beautiful sportscar. I was so excited to get to ride in it as I knew how special it was to him and enjoyed the closeness we shared on that trip.

He later went on to build a car museum of exotic vintage cars where he would sell them on Ebay around the world. He loved showing his vintage Corvette in the Florida Auto Show. He also enjoyed sailing and once took me sailing in his sailboat to grab lunch across the Sarasota Bay. It was a lovely day. John had a college degree in Finance and read all the guru books on how to make money, thus he was successful in real estate investments and automobiles. He encouraged others to also invest for their future with lots of ideas for them. He loved to share his wisdom and his philosophy with anyone who cared to listen. I am sorry we were not closer in our adult years for he had a lot to offer, but am happy that we shared the happy moments we did. To my Brother, it is your time to now rest peacefully for you had a good long life with lots of wonderful experiences. I will miss you.



MJ

“ It is so sad to hear of John's passing. I am praying for his entire family. May he rest in peace. I met John and Fely in 1992 and we quickly became great friends. I taught John how to play squash and he immediately loved the game. He enjoyed the game and we would play squash and tennis at Bath & Racquet Club and at Riverview HS hard courts. We had fun playing squash tournaments and he would cheer me on when I was doing tennis tournaments also. He and Fely were also big supporters of the Philippine American Association of Sarasota/Bradenton area. John introduced me to Young Entrepreneurs of Sarasota and encouraged me to be one of the speakers. John was a huge entrepreneur and have been very generous in sharing his knowledge about wealth building, rental property management, and investment strategies to anyone interested to listen and learn. I've been fortunate to have met John. Not only was a very good friend, he and Fely were family to me. My daughter and their son were wonderful friends as well growing up. It was always fun when he would dance with my mother at gatherings. John loved his family and would talk about them a lot. We will miss you John!. The heaven has gained an angel for sure. Thank you John, while you are watching over Fely and your family, we are praying for you! Thanks for all the incredible memories. May you rest in peace, John!



Maria Jennings - March 16, 2023 at 01:50 PM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow, Fely and Jonathan. “May God bless you and your family at this difficult time”.May John's soul rest in peace.

Angie Furman - March 16, 2023 at 12:57 PM

PB

“ We pray for John's eternal rest and comfort for Fely and Jonathan,

Perla Bernardo - March 15, 2023 at 11:04 PM