



## John Francis Herlihy, Jr.

September 19, 2022

John Francis Herlihy Jr., 66, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Born in Washington, D.C., John grew up in Maryland. He moved to Florida in 1976. He worked as a mechanic until joining the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. He started as an Auxiliary deputy in 1978 and became a full-time deputy in 1981. He spent significant portions of his career working in Special Investigations as a Detective, Patrol as a Deputy, and Traffic as a Sergeant until his retirement in 2006. One of the highlights of his tenure at the Sheriff's Office was that he led the motorcade that escorted President Bush through Sarasota on September 11, 2001.

John is survived by his spouse Betsy, his sons Daniel of Elizabeth City, NC, Jason (Megan) of Nokomis, FL, Nick (Sarah) of Parrish, FL, John of Hertford, NC, and daughter Valerie of Punta Gorda, FL, along with his fourteen grandchildren, seven siblings, and of course his buddy, Bubba.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 2:00pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

40 N. Orange Avenue

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



October 20, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



October 17, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *To my back court mate on the hardwood floors at Magruder. You were always a competitor and your will to carry on despite all the pain you endured was amazing . RIP Herl your buddy Moon.*

**Kevin Mooney** - October 17, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



October 14, 2022 at 05:19 PM

RB

“ John you were a great friend and role model for those of us that knew you in high school. I loved hanging out with you and playing basketball. You suffered so much over the last couple of years, but you never quit. I will never forget you. Rest in peace my good friend.

Robin Bryan - October 14, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..



October 14, 2022 at 01:54 PM

TW

“ Tommy Ward purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..



Tommy Ward - October 14, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Herl - You were a great friend for over 50 years - I loved playing ball with you at Magruder High School where you were one of the stars on the Colonels team. I always appreciated you keeping watch over my parents gravesite in Sarasota after they passed - I will miss you buddy, your pal, Tommy Ward

Tom Ward - October 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM

LP

“ *Missing you and your smile, big brother! You accomplished so much in your life, and yet there was so much you still wanted to do! You were always a dreamer and looked forward to your next adventure! I hope you are traveling on a big houseboat in heaven!*

*With love, your little sister, Laura*

*p.s. I will always fondly remember the chocolate chip cookies and milk you shared with me after a night out with your friends.*

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**Laura (Herlihy) Pohopin** - October 12, 2022 at 12:29 PM

MP

“ *Michael and Laura (Herlihy) Pohopin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



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**Michael and Laura (Herlihy) Pohopin** - October 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MP

“ *Michael and Laura (Herlihy) Pohopin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



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**Michael and Laura (Herlihy) Pohopin** - October 12, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Herlihy, Jr..*



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October 08, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *John miss you*

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**Eilish** - October 07, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *John, you dazzled us with your basketball prowess in high school and then you served us with your commitment to the law. I will always remember "Herl the Pearl." Rest in peace. Prayers to your family and friends, of whom you have many.*

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**Kristin Jester** - October 06, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *John, my love, there isn't a moment that you are not on my mind, in my thoughts, in my soul. You were the best partner, father, grandfather, and friend. I'm trying to do what you would have done, but it's so hard without you here with me. Know that I have always loved you and I will love now and forever. We will be together again* 💕💕

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**betsy herlihy** - October 05, 2022 at 03:58 PM