



John C. Whalen, III

April 13, 1940 - December 9, 2023

John C. Whalen III, born on April 13, 1940, in Newark, NJ, passed away on December 9, 2023, in Lakewood Ranch, FL. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

John served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1965. Following his service, he attended and graduated from the New England Institute of Anatomy for Funeral Service in Boston, MA. He was a licensed Funeral Director in CT, MA, and VT, managing funeral homes in CT and MA.

In 1975, he married his wife, Esther, in Plymouth, MA. They moved to Brattleboro, VT, where they purchased Ker Westerlund Funeral Home. John was a member of several community and business organizations in Brattleboro, where he quietly made a significant impact through his unwavering commitment and dedication.

John will be remembered as someone who cared deeply for people, always having time to listen and doing anything at all that he could to help if someone needed it. His legacy of service and compassion will continue to inspire those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Whalen, two sons Jared and Christopher Whalen, and two grandsons Ethan and Caleb Whalen.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery on December 21st at 3pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service with Military Honors

DEC **21**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall

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“ From the moment I entered this family, John welcomed me with open arms. His ability to make everyone feel valued and cherished was a testament to the incredible person he was. had a heart that overflowed with compassion and a genuine desire to help others. Whether it was lending a helping hand, offering a listening ear, or going above and beyond to make someone's day brighter, he was there especially finding purpose in helping others during a difficult time. His sense of humor was infectious, and his charisma lit up any room he entered.

Zach Gennette - December 20, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ My dad. He was an amazing man who left some pretty big shoes to fill, though I know he wouldn't see it like that. He had a lot of hardships throughout his life, like most of us, but he handled them with tremendous strength and an unwavering positivity until the very end. He loved his family more than anything in this world and his happiest moments were simply spending time with us, reminiscing. I'll miss those times. I love you dad.



Jared Whalen - December 20, 2023 at 03:38 PM