



John "Poppop" Norman Warren

August 26, 2020

Warren, John Norman "Poppop", 77, of Egg Harbor Twp., passed suddenly and peacefully in his home while taking an afternoon nap on Aug. 26, 2020.

John was born in Long Beach, CA on March 25, 1943. He earned his degree in engineering from University of Houston while simultaneously working at the Manned Spacecraft Center, NASA. From there, he relocated to New Jersey to delight in the changing seasons and raising his family.

John was most fond of cooking for his family, playing pranks (such as successfully convincing us that eggplants contain eggs using an elaborate scheme of secretly placing a chicken egg in an eggplant, then "proving" his statement by cutting open the eggplant to reveal an egg in the center), picnicking with his family, giving his loved ones riddles to solve and philosophical questions to answer, and sending long paragraphs of texts containing political commentary, recipes, and fond memories. He was happiest when bringing his family joy, even if he wasn't necessarily partaking in the fun, such as watching us kayak from the shore on days out, or sending the most random products he could find on Amazon, anywhere from wet vacs, to twenty empty pizza boxes, to baby food. We are eternally grateful for the generous amounts of food he gifted for us, along with unique kinds of cookware. As long as something brought his loved ones glee, John hoped to provide. He will always be remembered as the man whose happiness was inspired by others' happiness.

He enjoyed a career as an aerospace engineer at both NASA (Houston, TX) and the FAA (EHT, NJ), the first in whence he met Leslie, his former wife and mother of his three children, Elizabeth N. Warren, Amy S. Caton (Lewis), and Laura Eve Hecht (Christopher), all of whom will miss him dearly.

At the Federal Aviation Administration, John worked extremely hard and had an integral part on developing and researching TCAS: Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System, which he was very proud of. He is also remembered by his sisters, Barbara Dye (née

Warren) of Nebraska and Candace Villamaino (née Collins) of Arizona, and devoted friend of twenty-five years, Sophia McClain. Especially feeling the loss of his corporeal presence is his cherished grandchild, Frankie "Gabers" Barber, whose predeceased father shared a close friendship with John. He is also missed by his additional darling grandchildren, young Naiya and Rae Caton of Seattle, WA.

John was predeceased by his loving and personally influential grandfather who was thrice elected into the Texas Legislature, Joseph Terry "J.T." Newman, plus dear friends of the Langone family including Joey Langone, Sue Whalen, and Jimmy Joe Whalen. John is predeceased by his parents, Marjorie Collins (née Newman) and Clarence G. Warren, Jr.

Thank you Poppop for all you have done for us through the good and the bad. We are filled with gratitude for you just always being here, never leaving us, and miss you so much already. Sleep well, my love, we will never forget you.

Arrangements entrusted to Wimberg Funeral Home, 211 E. Great Creek Rd, Galloway 609-641-0001. For condolences, please visit wimbergfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Poppop got a kick out of giving Frankie, as a lil one, ice cream before dinner... My mom would get so mad and he thought it was so funny. He loved to take them places and spoil his grandchild as much as he could.



Laura Hecht, daughter - September 07 at 04:35 PM



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Laura H, daughter - September 07 at 03:07 PM



“ There are no words to describe this man. John was extraordinary and a genius. He was loving and caring to his family and whomever he loved. He could also be a force to be reckoned with!! He loved barbecues, the lake and taking pictures. He is the closest I ever had to a father and his children, sisters I never had. There is a void in my life that is John Warren. I look at his pictures and videos and wonder why we don't know what we really have till it's gone. Even his messages I am grateful that I saved. Crying alone at night for his loss has gotten less but my sadness is still great. I hope he is in a good place and is happy, content and watching all the people that loved him, may that bring him joy and peace. On the spiritual level, I would like to think he is the sunshine on my shoulders, the earth beneath my feet, the water I drink and the air that I breathe. John, I will never forget you and one day hope to see you again. I loved you more as time went by and will forever love and remember you. May you live through your children and all who love you.

Sophia A McClain. - September 07 at 02:34 AM



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John I will never forget you and one day hope to meet you again. I loved you then and will forever love you and remember you. May you live through your children and all who love you.



Sophia A McClain. - September 04 at 04:12 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with John at the tech center. He was an extremely competent engineer and I learned a lot from him. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Carmen Munafo

Carmen Munafo - September 02 at 06:50 PM



“ Here is a man who pressed on, enduring bumps along the way, only to overcome them to reach his goals of which there were many. His love for his children and grandchildren was great and he showed and shared it in many ways.

My son and I took a trip to see him and the girls and he took us to a river to float down. It wasn't so much a "river" as a stream and we had to work hard to "float." But John enjoyed watching us maneuver and laugh hilariously all the way to the end.

That's what I remember most -- his laughter and joy at watching others enjoy themselves.

Will miss you, brother. You brought a lot of joy into my life and my son's. Love you forever and a day. Barbara Ann

Barbara Dye, sister - September 02 at 02:54 PM