



John E. Valenta

May 29, 1933 - April 15, 2020

MSG John E. Valenta, age 86, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Born in Pittsburg, PA, John resided in Atlantic City most of his life, before moving to Tabernacle over 3 years ago.

John was a Master Sergeant, retired from the Army in 1973 after 21 years of service, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device. John was inducted into The Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia where he received The Legion of Honor award. He also served as Senior ROTC instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, was national service officer for the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association for two years and joined the State Department of Veterans Affairs in 1984. John held a degree in management from Rutgers University and a degree in accounting from Thomas Edison College. He was a member to the VFW, American Legion, Association of United States Army, Fort Dix Retiree Council and the Dotty Cullen and Friends Volunteer Group. John loved spending his winters in Florida, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, was an avid reader, sports fan, and loyal Survivor fan.

Son of the late Carl and Mary Valenta (nee Petro). Preceded in death by former wife and mother of his children Marianne Valenta. John is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Gerald and Charlene Valenta of Tabernacle, his daughter and son-in-law Donamarie Valenta and Kurt Kubinski of Clark, his daughter-in-law Joanne Beradesco: two grandchildren, Jennifer Dreby (Doug) and Joshua Valenta (Jessica) and a great grandson Andrew Dreby. He was the loving brother of Frances Schanck (Francis) and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ I'll remember the good times we had and how you played an important part of my life. I will miss you Pop.

Joann Berardesco - April 22, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ Gerry & Donna,

Our hearts break for your loss. We too, will miss him. We had many good times with him and enjoyed listening to his Army stories. He tried to be tough, but had a heart of gold.

They don't make them like that any more.

God bless this old soldier and keep him in His care.

Tom & Mary Lou

Mary Lou Svienty - April 19, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Wir werden Dich nie vergessen. Silke und Marc



Silke und Marc - April 19, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Valenta Family, so very sorry for your loss. We will truly miss your Dad here at Ocean Villas where he served on our board. I lived next door to your dad and we would always talk while sitting outside always talking about politics. He always kept me informed about what was going on.



Linda Patella Novak - April 19, 2020 at 09:14 AM