



John Francis Conroy

July 26, 1942 - April 18, 2014

John F. Conroy, Jr., of St. Michaels, MD, died on Friday, April 18, 2014. He was 71 years old.

“Uncle John,” as he was affectionately known to his 37 nieces, nephews, and grands, was at once adored, respected, and hounded by the ever growing list of loved ones he inherited. In many respects, these were his ‘kids.’

John was born in the Bronx, NY, on July 26, 1942. He was the son of the late Grace Margaret Kelleher and John Francis Conroy. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1963, after which he served three years as a U.S. Navy Officer, first in Naval OCS in Newport, VA, and then in the Mediterranean. While serving in Greece, he stumbled upon a minor revolution and was involuntarily detained. Despite not knowing the language, he negotiated his release, no doubt foreshadowing his career as a litigator.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, he attended Fordham Law School, graduating in 1969 and immediately taking a position in the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice. John became a Senior Trial Attorney at Justice where he litigated school desegregation cases and prosecuted criminal cases against those who deprived racial minorities of their civil rights. In Boston, MA, John was instrumental in prosecuting those who attempted to interfere with the federal court's high profile order in 1974 to

desegregate Boston public schools. In private practice, John tried a number of civil and criminal cases for major clients, often achieving results beyond the client's expectations.

In 2004, John bought a house by the water in St. Michaels and after retiring there, he spent his time sailing, golfing, and enjoying many happy hours with extended family and friends.

John is survived by his sisters, Grace Mulvihill and Margaret Martin; his nieces, Eve Whiteley, Lee Reynolds, Grace Miller, Donna Fehrmann, Andrea Beane, Catherine Condell, Kate Martin, Margaret Ables, Anne Richards; and his nephew, John Martin and his children.

A funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Michaels Mission Church, 109 Lincoln Avenue, St. Michaels on Thursday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m. John's family will be receiving friends at the Church from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of John to The Miller Memorial Education Fund, a fund set up for John's grandnieces who recently lost their father. Checks can be made to Fidelity Investments, in care of Lee Prince, 3714 Cardiff Court, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven - Silver Spring

13801 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Previous Events

Funeral Liturgy

APR **24**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Mission Church
109 Lincoln Avenue
St. Michaels, MD

Graveside Service

APR **25**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gate of Heaven - Silver Spring
13801 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Tribute Wall



“ *John Francis Conroy*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Francis Conroy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Francis Conroy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ TO THE CONROY FAMILY
I RECENTLY READ OF YOUR
LOSS...ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT
ACQUAINTED WITH MR CONROY IT IS
TIMES LIKE THIS WE ALL NEED SOME
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD...DURING TIMES
JUST LIKE THIS .



AT SOME TIME IN OUR LIFE WE ASKED'WHY ALL THE
SUFFERING, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GROW OLD AND DIE AND
WHEN WILL THERE BE A PEACEFUL NEW WORLD...WILL I
EVER COME?... THE ANSWER TO EACH OF THESE
QUESTIONS ARE FOUND IN GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE
....ALONG WITH MANY OTHER BENEFITS BEYOND OUR
COMPARETHAT OUR HEAVENLY
FATHER...JEHOVAH....ALONG WITH HIS SON ...JESUS CHRIST
... WILL ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING GOOD THAT HE
ORIGINALLY PURPOSES FOR EACH OF US.... TO ENJOY AN
EARTH THAT HE CREATED.....TO BE HAPPY ON A
PARADISE EARTHFREE FROM ALL SICKNESS, PAIN,
DEATH , SORROW , CRYING, HUNGER AN MUCH MORE .
IN THE MEAN TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE THE
LOVE OF OUR GOD OF COMFORT.....GO TO JW.ORG/EN AND
THEN TO PUBLICATIONS >BIBLE.

MAY EACH OF YOU SEEK OUR GOD COMFORT.... WHO
COMFORT ALL THOSE WHO SINCERELY SEEK HIM.

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“ One night at the pub I wrote on a napkin the name of an author that I knew John would enjoy: Patrick O'Brian. He read all of the books in the series at least once and thanked me often. John loved to play Shinnecock Hills Golf Club on Long Island with husband Tom Flaherty. The world-famous course will open for the season soon and I know that Tom will be waiting for John at the caddy shack.
Margaret Starkey, Washington, DC

Mrs. Thomas Flaherty - April 24, 2014 at 02:07 PM