



John N. Funk Jr.

February 3, 1924 - July 4, 2015

John N. Funk, Jr., passed away peacefully on July 4, 2015, at the age of 91.

John was born on February 3, 1924, in Manhattan, NY. He was raised in the Bronx, NY. John graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a B-24 pilot during World War II. After the war, he married Virginia DeSesa on December 28, 1946. He studied general engineering and graduated from Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV.

In December 1950, he took his first and only job with the Joseph E. Seagrams Company working at the Calvert Distillery in Baltimore, MD. This began a distinguished forty-year career with the company. Over the years, he was promoted, and they moved with the company to Louisville, KY, Lawrenceburg, Indiana and New York City. In his later position in international operations, it enabled him to travel all over the world. He traveled to Europe, Russia, and Southeast Asia. On many occasions, Virginia accompanied him. His last assignment took them to Shanghai, China, for three years.

After retirement, they moved to St. Michaels, MD. In 2013, they moved to the Londonderry Retirement Community in Easton. Over the many years, John and Virginia made many friends everywhere they went. He enjoyed gardening, baseball and swing music, especially Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett,

and the big bands. He and Virginia loved to travel, especially to see old friends and family.

John is survived by his wife of 68 years, Virginia; his son, John III, and daughter-in-law, Barbara; granddaughters, Carly and Kelsey and his son, Jim and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, from 4 - 6 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, July 10, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 13209 Church Lane, Cordova, MD 21625. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 South Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Liturgy

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Cordova
Cordova, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John N. Funk Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John N. Funk Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Virginia, John and Barbara, Carly and Kelsey, Jim and Elizabeth,*

John and Virginia have been among our dearest friends from the Seagram Family for many years. On many occasions we shared numerous gastronomic feasts with John and Virginia. In later years, we were one of their stops on their annual trips to Saratoga, NY. And who can forget the Royal treatment they provided when you visited them in Ocean City and St. Michael's. In the International arena, John and Bob collaborated on landing him his plumb assignment in the Far East. There's more, but suffice it to say that during this period of great sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely and with love,

Bob and Mary Anne Cherundolo

Bob & Mary Anne Cherundolo - July 09, 2015 at 06:14 PM

GR

“ I will miss John's kisses on the lips, seeing him driving the Buick and his eyes on the Maryland Flag!
Much love to Virginia, John, Barbara, Carly, Kelsey and the rest of the Funk Klan.
Gary

Gary Rosenbaum - July 08, 2015 at 09:59 PM

BS

“ Mr. John -
So many beautiful memories of a wonderful man who was more like an uncle to my brother and I.
Memories of the kids bike parades and holiday celebrations on Ashbourne Road, Arbutus, MD (1940's), the Plover Raider neighbors get together in Wynnewood, visits in St. Michael's at mom's and stopping by Timonium, MD to have lunch and visit with all.
Whether just a few houses away or miles away, always taking time for my family and I.
Quiet, reserved, yet distinguished and firm. Stood tall at Ms. Virginia's side exemplifying love and pride. Thoughtful, helpful, fun, full of good wisdom and advice.
I feel very blessed to have had Mr. John in my life.
Love and prayers,
Barbara Cook Stegall, alias "Peaches"

Barbara Cook Stegall - July 08, 2015 at 10:34 AM

RC

“ I was sorry to hear about John and know it will be a big loss for you, Virginia. I know Jack will be happy to have a neighbor. I was at the cemetery last week . Now when I go I'll have someone else to talk to.

Regina Collins

Regina Collins - July 08, 2015 at 10:12 AM

AJ

“ Art & Joyce purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John N. Funk Jr..



Art & Joyce - July 08, 2015 at 09:01 AM

LM

“ My name is Lee Moler. My father, Gordon Moler, became friends with John when both were attending Davis and Elkins college after the war. John's wife, Virginia, and my mother, Connie, also became friends and the four of them remained that way and will forever. Our families, including wives and grandchildren, shared yearly beach gatherings for a time in the 80's. I remember John from that time as a warm, powerful, and welcoming presence. He carried himself with an offhand elegance, and impressed me as one of the few men who might actually keep his head when all around him were losing theirs. When my wife and I honeymooned in New York he insisted we stay in a suite Seagraves kept in a high rise overlooking the East river, a neighborhood we could not have afforded. It was an act of kindness I've never forgotten. I thought it must be typical of him that he did it with no particular discussion, just "you'll stay here, it's no problem, don't worry about it." Like I said, offhand elegance. Much respect.

lee moler - July 08, 2015 at 02:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John N. Funk Jr..



July 07, 2015 at 09:09 PM

SA

“ Sonny and Andrea purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John N. Funk Jr..



Sonny and Andrea - July 07, 2015 at 07:48 PM

WF

“ *William W. Weber & Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John N. Funk Jr..*



William W. Weber & Family - July 07, 2015 at 04:09 PM

FG

“ *Fran Antolini/Barbara Goett purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John N. Funk Jr..*



Fran Antolini/Barbara Goett - July 06, 2015 at 02:49 PM