



John C. Harding

January 25, 1920 - May 8, 2020

John C. Harding Jr. died on May 8, 2020. He was the son of the late John C. Harding Sr. and Anna Sommerville Harding.

After graduating from Dartmouth College, he enlisted in the infantry but transferred into the Army Air Corps. He became a flight instructor and later was transferred to the Pacific where he served in the Philippines and Japan, flying missions for over 3 years.

After World War II ended, he graduated from Georgetown Law School and clerked for a federal district court judge. He wound up his career in the private sector, serving as president and director of several corporations.

His major hobbies were sailing and golf. He was a member and director of Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD and Talbot Country Club in Easton, MD.

John was married for 68 years to Winifred C. Harding and is survived by his two daughters, Lana Harding of Easton, MD and Sharon Underwood of Livingston, AL. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Amy Underwood Hodges of Shreveport, LA, Meredith Underwood Shah of Birmingham, AL, Madison Underwood of Birmingham, AL and Tracy Harding Martin of Middleburg, VA and Key West, FL. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Anna Hodges of Mobile, AL, Ben and Gray Hodges of Shreveport, LA, and McNair and Jackson Shah of Birmingham, AL.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Winifred and his son, John C. Harding III.

Funeral arrangements are private and the family requests expressions of sympathy in the form of donations to The Yellow Ribbon Fund, 7101 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20814 or the Maryland Food Bank, 28500 Owens Branch Road, Salisbury, MD 21801.

GK

“ Dear Lana and Sharon, although I doubt if you remember my name but we were neighbors of your Mom and Dad’s on Holly Harbor in Oxford. We were the first lane to the left coming off Holly Harbor. As a golfer your Dad and I had a special bond but not as strong as he had with my two sons, Mike and Matt. They were around the ages of young teenagers. They just loved your Dad, after dinner they would go over to their house, knock on the door and ask Winnie if John could come out and play. They would hit golf balls all around the yard. When I called to tell them of John’s passing the one comment they had was “he had more sets of new golf clubs”. They are now 58 and 56 respectively. To tell you the truth, I was amazed that John was still living and I assume over 100. My Garey is now 90, we sold the farm in 2001 and live at the Easton Club. If memory serve me right I think Garey was their dentist. Our condolences to you and the family.

Garey and Donna Kostens

Garey and Donna Kostens - May 21, 2020 at 09:09 PM

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“ The Hardings were a big part of the summer fun on West River. “Boonie”, as John was known, was a great sailor and active part of the West River Sailing Club. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and many friends on the river. Our Uncle Buddy and Aunt Mardi Hartge were great friends with Boonie and Winnie. The Hardings were also close with my Cousins Elsie and Buck Schlegel, and many of our other cousins. Their son “Buddy” Harding was a close friend of my brother, Totch. The Hardings were a part of what made summers on the River wonderful. My sincere sympathy goes out to Lana and Sharon and the rest of your families. Alice Hartge Wilson

Alice Hartge Wilson - May 17, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ Dear Sharon, Lana and Tracy,
Boonie was a lifetime friend of our family. We had wonderful times
messing about in boats on West River. He was smart, funny and
loving, and a straight shooter. Buddy and I enjoyed our post-
Vietnam years side by side, Regularly egged on by Boonie and
Winnie
Love to all of you from our family
Totch Hartge
Easton, MD

totch hartge - May 17, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ John was such a gentleman and such an inspiration! He was
generous and loyal to his friends. Turning 100 to him was “ no big
deal”, it was special to celebrate that impressive milestone with him.
My deepest sympathy to all, we have lost a treasured loved one.

Anne Ryan Neary - May 17, 2020 at 08:36 AM