



## John Bruce Ippolito

February 7, 1947 - December 30, 2022

John Bruce Ippolito, beloved husband, brother, friend and mentor, died on December 30, 2022.

He was a resident of Easton, MD, where he and his wife, Diane Laird-Ippolito, owned and operated the Bishop's House Bed and Breakfast for the last 34 years.

John was born in the Bronx, NY, on February 7, 1947, to Charles Joseph Ippolito and Edna Dorothy Knack. John lived in Japan, Germany, and several posts in the US with his military family before settling in Maryland. John graduated from Laurel High School in 1965 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Maryland in 1970.

John fell in love with Diane Laird, and they married on April 16, 1977.

John retired from his position as Director of Information Assurance at Allied Technology, but even after retirement he continued to share wisdom and advice generously. John's career spanned more than 40 years working in the IT industry and included being a Vice President at Comsis Corporation and working at the General Accounting Office.

In addition to his illustrious career helping the government adjust to rapidly

changing technology, John was an inspiration and mentor to following generations in the technology field. He taught not only the technology of business, but also the business of life.

During his career, John supported a variety of civilian and defense agencies. John helped develop guidelines for IT security plans that became NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-18, and John as a primary author of NIST 800-16. He also contributed to other publications too numerous to mention. John was a Federal Information System Security Educators' Association (FISSEA) Educator of the Year, an elected board member of FISSEA, and he served on the board of directors for Native Intelligence, Inc.

John was an IT security visionary, public speaker, author, consultant, and hands-on security guru with the gift of long-range vision. He was a dreamer and creative, practical, and brilliant, who knew how to ask if there was another, better approach to a task, and how to look for it.

John coupled impressive knowledge and analytical abilities with imagination. His thoughts on security were consistently ahead of the crowd. Time and again, John saw the implications of technologies and raised concerns before others had begun to understand the scope of the security issues at hand. The solutions that John came up with were elegant as well as effective.

Most importantly, John was an excellent mentor and friend. He taught his staff to think, to write, and to make win-win negotiations. He helped his people understand that negotiation is about listening, not talking. He taught his charges about project and staff management – what counts, and what doesn't. He advocated for and promoted women when it was rare for an executive to do so, and he stood behind people with unwavering confidence and lifted them up.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Diane Laird-Ippolito; his sister, Carol Ann

(Randy) Collins of Charles Town, WV; his brothers, Charles Joseph (Sheri) Ippolito of Dagsboro, DE, and Robert Allen (Leslie) Ippolito of Damascus, MD.

Friends will be received on Sunday, January 8, from 2-4 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD. Interment will follow at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Memorial donations in John's memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

# Cemetery Details

## Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium

1214 S. Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
<https://ssppcemetary.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

## Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
1210 S. Washington St  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Bruce Ippolito*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Bruce Ippolito*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Bruce Ippolito*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My condolences to John's family. I have fond memories of John, him writing really tiny on a small strip of paper like a spy to sending a secret message. I'm sorry that I didn't feel up to making the trip to Easton. A fellow classmate, Charles H. Meister*

**Charles Meister** - January 08, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *Julie and I are so sorry to hear of John's passing, our deepest condolences to Diane and the Ippolito family. I wanted very much to spend time with John to discuss our family history. Ron and Julie Falcone.*

**Ron Falcone** - January 07, 2023 at 07:38 PM

MB

“ Sending condolences to you, Diane, the Ippolito family, and the treasured circle of friends that you and John shared. With affection,  
Mimi Beck and David Lampert

Mimi Beck - January 07, 2023 at 07:03 PM

TF

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. My sympathy to Diane and all my cousins. May John's memory bring you all peace during this difficult time.  
Love ❤️ Toni-Ellen

Toni-Ellen Ippolito Foran - January 07, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ 116 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of John Bruce Ippolito.



January 06, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MQ

“ *Mr. Ippolito was a patient of Dr. Quimby's for over 10 years. We truly enjoyed having him as a patient and we will miss him. Dr. Quimby and Staff. RIP*

Margret Quimby - January 06, 2023 at 10:28 AM

RW

“ *John was a good and loyal friend, as well as a genuinely decent guy. Inside of the highly-dependable, orderly, goal-oriented worker beat the heart of a very quirky, creative person. My prayers for Diane.*

Ron Wolz - January 05, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Bruce Ippolito.*



January 05, 2023 at 04:25 PM

CI

“ *3 files added to the album Family Photos*



Charles Ippolito - January 05, 2023 at 11:48 AM

TW

“ John participated in our last LHS65 reunion ZOOM session. He shared interesting information about owning a B & B. He was a quiet and studious student at LHS. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends.

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**Tony West** - January 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM

MR

“ Always one of the good guys and now one of the good angels, Blessings.  
Mitzi Tornese Reinbold, Class of '65

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**Mitzi Reinbold** - January 05, 2023 at 06:19 AM

KB

“ High school classmates with John. I can't recall him ever being mad at anyone during that time. Quiet, always smiling. Fair Winds and Following Seas my friend. Ken Boyer

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**Ken Boyer** - January 04, 2023 at 10:44 PM

WA

John was one of my favorite people. We worked together at Safeway right out of high school. I was able to see him a couple of years ago and we had such a good time at the luncheon.

Wanda Pearson Shaver

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**WandaShaver** - January 05, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album Family Photos



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**Joanna Perry** - January 04, 2023 at 11:53 AM

MJ

*May God rest John's soul!  
Please God comfort those who mourn! Amen*

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**Macchiaverna Jeanette** - January 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM

CI

*Will miss my brother John greatly as we liked to reminisce about family events as well as current issues. He was my confident on many financial questions as well as health issues. s/ Buddy*

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**Charles Ippolito** - January 05, 2023 at 11:53 AM