



John M. Byrne

December 25, 1918 - March 28, 2011

John Maria Byrne of Centreville, MD died at the Corsica Hills Nursing Center, Centreville, MD on Monday, March 28, 2011. He was 92.

Born December 25, 1918 in West Orange, NJ, he was the son of the late Thomas Stephen and Catherine Rogers Byrne. In addition to his parents and his wife, Willamina, John was pre-deceased by two brothers, Joseph and Thomas Byrne, his sisters, Mary Byrne, a member of the Sisters of Charity, Catherine Brewster, Mildred Kinloch and Elizabeth Welsh.

He leaves his son, John S. Byrne of Centreville, MD and daughter, Patricia L. Kearns and her partner, Janet Ross of Naples, FL; two grandchildren; Jennifer Kearns Ruppert and her husband, John, of Stevensville, MD and Michael R. Kearns of Cleveland, OH and four great-grandchildren, Rebecca (Becky), Margaret (Matti), David and John (Johnny) Ruppert. He was an honorary grandfather to Jessica Anne Ross of Daytona Beach, FL. The extended Byrne family, originating in New Jersey following immigration from Ireland, includes multiple generations of nieces and nephews and their families who loved and respected John as the family patriarch of the large Byrne family.

Mr. Byrne was a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory School and Seton Hall University, where he played baseball, a sport that was his passion throughout his life and he was a loyal Yankees fan. His own aspiration to play

professional baseball was interrupted when he volunteered for military service. He married Williamina (Billie) Krull in Louisville, KY in 1943, while he was an officer serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Captain Byrne was honorably discharged from the Army at the end of the war and he followed in his father's footsteps to work at the Hansen Van Winkle Munning Company in Matawan, NJ. When he moved his young family to the New Jersey seashore town of Belmar, he embraced his love of teaching and taught in the Millstone Township, Spring Lake and Oceanport, NJ, school systems until he retired in 1980. He and his son, John, were regular summer employees of Martin's Department Store in Lavalette, NJ during the 1960's. Following a full retirement, John and Billie resided in Wall Township, NJ. They were faithful communicants of St. Rose Roman Catholic Church of Belmar, NJ for over 40 years. When health issues rose for the couple, they moved to Maryland in 1999 to be with family in Chester and Stevensville. Later, they resided together at Corsica Hills, where they were known as the "love birds."

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Centreville, MD on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 11:00. Family and friends are encouraged to gather at the Church at 10:00 am. Burial will follow immediately in the family gravesite at St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery, Queenstown, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to Seton Hall University (www.shu.edu), to the attention of Pamela Ferguson, 457 Centre Street, South Orange, NJ 07079 or to the Sisters of Charity (www.scnj.org), Convent Station, NJ or to Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church (www.sorrowsparish.org), 303 Chesterfield Avenue, Centreville, MD 21617.

Arrangements are by the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centreville, MD.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Byrne*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John M. Byrne*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John M. Byrne*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *John I just heard that your Dad has died! What a wonderful, gentle man who we knew that his vision was not the best, but could just see his joy when he was trying to figure you out!!! I always really like talking to John and visits from Fergie. We never did get to see Moma Mia yet!!!! Lets try and do it!!!imported-begin##martha anthony##imported-end##*

April 04, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss John. I never met your father, but I know you loved him dearly and he was a great man. I hope you find comfort in the fond memories you have of him. I know in this time of grief you see the sunlight through the clouds :) My thoughts are with you! Love, Jo##imported-begin##Jo Southard##imported-end##*

April 03, 2011 at 08:44 PM



“ John,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. With sympathy,
Cel Smith Lukenich, 107 Weedon St., Centreville###imported-begin##Cel Smith Lukenich###imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your Dads passing--I know you will miss him greatly but a long list of good memories will stay with you for a long time. My Dad has been gone over 30 years but I still think about him every day--so he is not really gone. Take care --our prayers are with you and your family. Ron and Janet###imported-begin##Ronald Delvy###imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ I am so grateful to have been able to visit Mr. Byrne the times I went to Maryland. His lack of sight did not impair his true vision. He saw the humor in most things, and loved deeply his family and friends. Now I trust he knows how so many people loved him, and how great was his influence on the lives of all whom he encountered. Eternal rest to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. With love, Mary Jo###imported-begin##Mary Jo Kearns###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 11:37 PM



“ What a great life he had.

I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Janet Delvy###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 08:41 PM



“ John,
My heart goes out to you for your loss. I would love to have met
your father, clearly a wonderful and loving man.
XOXO~Heather##imported-begin##Heather Buhaj##imported-
end##

April 01, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I taught with your Dad at Maple Place
School and remember him fondly. He was a gentleman.
Sincerely, Karen McChesney##imported-begin##Karen Swenson
McChesney##imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ John: A note of sincere sympathy and prayers to you in the loss of
your dad. I first met your parents when they went to Corsica Hills.
My dad was there for five years and can remember them dancing
on Christmas Day in the main dining room. My father enjoyed
watching them so much. Then I get acquainted when my Aunt and
Uncle--The Golts were on Homestead Unit with your dad. He was a
wonderful gentleman and I always enjoyed chatting with him. My
God give you the strength to face each new day. You surely were a
wonderful son and took special care of your parents. You will
receive a "crown" one day. God Bless and thinking of you. Lynda
Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-
begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

March 31, 2011 at 09:18 PM



“ *John and Pat- please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dad. What a remarkable journey you have been on, starting when I first met you and your parents at their condo on Kent Island to now, the reunion of a couple that will always hold a special place in my heart. You are commended for the unconditional love and care you provided your parents and fulfilling their wish of remaining together til death they did part. Your story is an inspiration to all family caregivers, including myself. My love, admiration, and prayers are with you!*

Jane Anthony##imported-begin##Jane Anthony##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 08:26 PM