



## John A. Orlandini

February 11, 1936 - June 21, 2016

Captain John A. Orlandini 80, of Naples, FL found eternal peace on June 21, 2016. He was born February 11, 1936 in Milwaukee, WI the only child of the late Louis and Eleanor (née Krolkowski) Orlandini.

After graduating from Marquette University he attended Navy aviation training where he suffered a freak, life-changing injury. After long-term rehabilitation and despite his permanent physical deficits, he attended law school for one year, ultimately embarking on a successful career as a realtor which included ownership in Woodland Realty in Elm Grove, WI. He was a former Realtor of the Year, president of the Waukesha County Board of Realtors “BOR”), five-year member of the BOR ethics and arbitration panel and a director for the Milwaukee BOR multiple listing service.

Upon selling Woodland Realty and relocating to Florida in 1980, he became a US Coast Guard Gulf Charter Captain and licensed Merchant Marine Officer. He often retold stories of his adventures on the Gulf of Mexico and of his prowess for guiding untold numbers of bountiful fishing charters and his happy charter customers. How he loved and respected the water!

He told his closest friends his life would be full if he were to live to be 65 years old. His lifelong faith and self-discipline led him to live independently longer than many thought possible, far surpassing his “full-life” target. John was a very kind and generous man. He cared more about giving than receiving. His

greatest joy was giving his parents a lifestyle well above their means “to seal the deal.” He was a man of great catholic faith and was granted two major miracles and strength to travel a successful journey.

He will leave a substantial endowment to the Marquette University physical therapy doctoral program with the hope that these students will provide hands-on to patients in need, especially those with spinal cord injuries.

Special thanks to his friends Andrew and Debbie Borowski and family, Barbara Edson and Bill and Mary Patten for helping John survive his many challenges of later life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday June 30, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Inurnment with Military Honors will follow the Mass in the Memorial Garden at St. John.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN **30**. 2:00 AM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Ave N  
Naples, FL 34108-1825  
(239) 566-8740

# Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Orlandini*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I met John in Pensacola, FL when we were going through the Aviation Officer Candidate flight training program together in 1961. We were both in Battalion IV. It was there, during bailout training that John suffered his accident. I visited him in the hospital twice before I left Pensacola. During a Navy assignment to Minneapolis I looked him up and visited with him again in 1964. He always had that same depth of commitment and enthusiasm - under all circumstances. No one in our Battalion had more motivation and spirit that John. RIP, buddy.*

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*John Alter (86)  
Class of 46-60)  
Captain - US Navy*

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**John Alter** - August 30, 2022 at 09:22 AM

RS

“ I meet John in 1975 living on beaver lake I crossed his yard daily walking from my house to my friend Jimmy house a few doors down. We became great friends and he mentored me and help shaped the man that i have become. John provided my first employment opportunity by hiring me to cut his grass, put his pier in and out, take care of his boats and taking care of his house over the winter months once he move to fla for the winter months. I have wonderful memories of john and his parents living on beaver lake. I miss you and think of you often  
THANKS for all you did for me as a young lad and teaching me the importance of honor, respect and integrity.  
RIP John

*Robert Spiller*

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**robert spiller** - June 06, 2017 at 10:00 PM

JK

“ John, we didn't speak often, but when we did the conversations were special. Visits were even better, whether at your place or on 'Top Gun'. Your interest in the happenings on back in Wisconsin never diminished. We'll miss you!

*Cousin Jim and Marla*

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**Jim Krolikowski** - June 25, 2016 at 10:19 AM

JM

“ So sorry to read about John in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, one of my childhood playmates.

*Jack Misorski*

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**John Misorski** - June 25, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JM

“ So sorry to read in the paper about John, one of my childhood playmates.

*Jack Misorski  
Milwaukee, WI*

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**John Misorski** - June 25, 2016 at 09:06 AM