



John W. Pitts

June 18, 1936 - January 1, 2024

John William Pitts was eighty-seven years old when he passed away peacefully on the morning of January 1st, 2024 at Joanne's House in Bonita Springs, FL with his wife Wendy by his side. John was born on 18 June 1936 at Fort Stotsenburg, Philippines to his parents Frederick R. Pitts, Sr. (U.S. Army) and Lily Jane Axton. Being reared in a military family, John attended high school at Trinity-Pauling Preparatory School in New York and college at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Entering the U.S. Army, John received a direct commission in the Signal Corps and retired with twenty years of honorable service. In addition to being a decorated combat veteran, John was a pioneer in the telecommunications industry retiring from Martin Marietta in Denver, CO. Most recently, he was married to Wendy Soska; they resided in Fort Myers, FL.

When living in Monument, CO, John was active in the Tri-Lakes community. He volunteered for St. Mathias Episcopal Church, the Chamber of Commerce, School District 38, the Palmer Lake Town Council, and its Historical Society. John also owned and operated the Country Gun Shoppe first located in Palmer Lake and then moved to Monument; he was truly locked and loaded. Loving the outdoors, John enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Frederick, Jr. (U.S.

Navy) and Robert (U.S. Air Force), and his first wife Maureen Ansley all resting at Arlington National Cemetery, VA.

He is survived by his son Michael (U.S. Air Force), devoted daughter Beverly (hubby Scott), grandchildren Camden (wife Holly) and Samantha, and greatgrandchildren Alexander and Axton. John has five nieces and a nephew Laurie, Sally, Susie, Mary, and Robert, respectively.

John's final resting place will be in Arlington beside his English princess Maureen.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://arlingtoncemetery.mil>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ John - I just found out you had passed. It was such a great pleasure living next door to you and Maureen for 7 years! You were great neighbors, and we enjoyed a Thanksgiving together as well as lots of cat rescues through the years. We were sorry you moved to Florida and missed you, but that was a nice change at that time for you. I hope Wendy is doing well - we send our condolences to her as well as your wonderful family! Janice & Al Golly - 9-29-2024

Janice Golly - September 30, 2024 at 12:42 AM

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“ I remember as a teenager and going to the New Mexico Military Institute his son Michael invited myself and another cadet to go to his home in Colorado for Spring Break in 1977. Mr. (John) and Mrs. (Maureen) Pitts welcome us within their home. John and Maureen were awesome.

Am sorry to hear of John's passing and wishing Mike and Beverly my best wishes and heartfelt condolences.

Richard Needham

Richard Needham - January 01, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Dad...I salute you as you head north to mom on your final journey. May you always know peace as you meet your English bride Maureen. With much love...Michael*



Michael - January 01, 2024 at 01:35 PM