



John C. Ruehl

May 15, 1935 - October 28, 2018

John C. Ruehl 83, of Estero, FL died Sunday, October 28, 2018 after a brief illness. John was born May 15, 1935 in Buffalo, NY a son of the late Francis X. and Margaret J. (née Bebee) Ruehl. He had been a resident of Estero since 2000 coming from Grand Island, NY.

He attended Lafayette High School in Buffalo, NY and at the age of 17 enlisted in the U.S. Navy proudly serving his country for 4 years during the Korean Conflict. In 1957, he became a New York State Trooper where he worked for 28 years before retiring in 1985 as a Captain with the department.

On August 22, 1964 he married the love of his life, Shirley A. Burack at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Tonawanda, NY. John was a faithful Catholic and enjoyed daily Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs where he also served as an Altar Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He was a member and former Grand Knight of St. Leo Council 8877 and currently a member of Our Lady of Light Knights of Columbus Council 10498 and a 4th Degree member of Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly 2542 where he served on the Color Corps.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Shirley A. Ruehl of Estero, FL; two sons, Sean T. Ruehl and his wife, Allison of Durham, NC and Keith J. Ruehl and his wife, Maria of Chicago, IL; two grandsons, Peter Ruehl and

Sean Ruehl.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Ellen Sipowicz.

The family will be receiving friends on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs. Catholic scripture services will be held at 7:45 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9:30 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. At a future date to be determined, a memorial mass will be held at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Tonawanda, NY with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations in memory of John Ruehl be made to Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida 18011 South Tamiami Trail #16-106 Fort Myers, Florida 33908 - <https://www.ourmothershome.com>.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

NOV 3. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
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Luncheon

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Parish Life Center
28388 Beaumont Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember John from boot camp at Bainbridge MD in 1952. He was outstanding in every respect.*

Jack Purdy - January 25, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *John C. Ruehl*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Shirley and family,*

So sorry to hear of John passing.

With sincere sympathy. Betty and Bill Martin

betty martin - November 04, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *John and I did a lot of masses but I remember him mostly, because he actually had been to Horseheads where I came from and knew my area. Anne Castilow*



Anne Castilow - October 31, 2018 at 02:57 PM

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“ John and his family were avid sailors and long time friends and customers of ours. John eventually moved on to work with us here in sales for a few years. He will always be remembered for his professional demeanor and for representing us in the best possible way. His friends here at RCR are most saddened to learn of his passing.

Donald Finkle - October 31, 2018 at 02:54 PM

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“ Shirley, may God watch over John's soul. May the Holy Spirit guide you and bring you comfort in the days ahead. John will be missed by many. Patricia Paci

Patricia Paci - October 30, 2018 at 03:57 PM