

# *John Howard MATTINGLY*

AUGUST 19, 1950 - JANUARY 27, 2022



John H Mattingly, 71, of Ashburn Virginia, passed away on January 27 2022, after a long series of illnesses. He is survived by his wife of almost 45 years, Laura Elizabeth Mattingly, his sons Jaman Mattingly, James Strong (Elizabeth), and daughter Jenny. He also leaves two adorable grandchildren, Linden and Silvia, and many beloved nieces & nephews, and great nieces & nephews, and many life-long friends. He is also survived by his brother Jeff Mattingly, and many dear brothers-and-sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by his sister Joan Mattingly Neely.

John was born in Tacoma, Washington, on August 19, 1950, to Howard & Juanita Mattingly. He graduated from Fort Hunt High School in 1968, and from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1972. He received a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from George Washington University in 1977.

He worked in the aerospace and defense industries before switching to the satellite telecommunications industry. He served as a senior executive for several companies, including Contel Corporation, GTE Spacenet, COMSAT Corporation, Orion, Lockheed Martin, and Mobile Satellite Ventures before his retirement. He was exceptionally well regarded and esteemed by his colleagues as an innovative and skilled leader.

John was an avid sports fan his entire life, and loved coaching his children in Fairfax Little League and other sports. After he retired, he served as a high school basketball referee, officiating at games throughout Northern Virginia.

Until recently, John served on the Board of Directors for Martha Lloyd Community Services, a residential community for adults with developmental disabilities, in Troy Pennsylvania. He was instrumental in helping them establish a firm financial program that will carry them well into the future.

For the last 15 years, John & Laura traveled all over the United States and the world. He loved to talk about all their travels, and especially their many cruises. He had as much fun planning their trips and learning about the places they would visit as he did on the trips, and he always remembered every little detail about every one of their trips.

John could never pass up an historical marker without stopping, and he spent hours and hours in museums around the world. Then he would come home and read even more books on the things he had learned. He delighted in sharing all of this knowledge with family & friends.

John was large in stature, and large in personality, and he leaves a large gap in the lives of those who knew him well. His family and friends will forever miss him. He was a good guy.

A memorial service for John will be held at the Mattingly residence on March 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The address is 23671 Jayadev Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20148. The family's preferred charity is the Special Olympics of VA.

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