



## William Aloysius "Bill" Bender

June 21, 1937 - February 4, 2020

Today my heart is saddened, my Father William Aloysius "Bill" Bender, passed away on Tuesday night, February 4, 2020 at home. After a nice day talking to us all, him still alert and laughing, he used what strength he had to give us one more day!! He was my hero, my best friend, and a great farther. He never knew a stranger and would take his shirt off to give it to someone. He will be missed by all who knew him. He taught me something I'm going to share with everyone, his way of living life, love, laugh, and enjoy every day with those you love. Help and inspire those you meet, with kindness its free, this all being said I hope one day I can live up to my father.

Pops was born raised in Philadelphia, Pa. and joined the US Army at a young age and served honorably in the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to Philadelphia and soon married Mary Ann Travis. He worked a variety of jobs in Philadelphia, including working as a bartender for Kings Caterer at Veterans Stadium, as a bus driver for Rutgers University, and most recently as a machine operator for American Bag & Paper Co. He loved to play cards, dance, and enjoyed traveling the world, especially Greece & Turkey. He lived life to the fullest and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Thank you to all my family and friends who made these last days of Pops life easy, God bless you all!

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Bender, and a daughter, Kelley Ann Straub, and. He is survived by his son, John D. Bender of St. Johns, Florida; a sister Ronnie Hoch of Philadelphia; grandchildren, William D. "Billy" Bender (Katie) and Leighton Bender (Jordan), both of Jacksonville; and great grandchildren, Paisley and Riley. A celebration of Bill's life will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 at the home of his son, John Bender, 1800 Autumnbrook Lane, St. Johns, Fl. 32259. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Celebration of Life**   05:30PM - 09:30PM

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The Home of John Bender

1800 Autumnbrook Lane, St. Johns, FL, US, 32259

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - February 08 at 04:49 PM