



John Bozzone

May 29, 1934 - November 1, 2019

John Bozzone departed this life peacefully at age 85 on November 1, 2019, All Saints' Day with his wife of 58 years, two daughters and friends at his side. Born in Sauquoit, NY, in high school he played varsity six-man football, basketball and baseball and ran track, was president of his class and graduated with honors. He enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, but before finishing, joined the novitiate only to leave to serve in the US Army in West Germany during the Cold War. He later attended State University College of Education, Oneonta, NY, where he received a BS and met his future wife at an honors convocation.

John taught social studies for over three decades at DeWitt Junior High School in Ithaca, NY, was department chair and earned his MA at UCSB. He took sabbaticals to travel with his family in the United States and Europe, enhancing both his life and those of his students. With the Cornell Law Project, John co-wrote "Justice and Order Through Law," a curriculum for adolescents. While in Ithaca, John enjoyed his Victorian house and large garden, was a gourmet cook, was host family to international Cornell students and volunteered at Ithacare and the Historical Society. He also loved mountain climbing, golfing and visits to NYC.

In 1995, John and his wife moved to St. Augustine, Florida, and continued to travel around the USA and the globe while also enjoying family, including two

granddaughters. John was a mild-mannered man with a good sense of humor who did not complain, was grateful and positive, and enjoyed talking to people about their lives. He was a sharp dresser with a bow tie, hat and walking stick. He worshiped at the Cathedral Basilica - St. Benedict parishes. John is survived by his wife, daughters and their husbands, granddaughters, family and friends. His brain was donated to dementia research. The family thanks the compassionate staff of Riverside Cottages, Vitas Hospice, the COA as well as others for their caregiving and kindness. A memorial mass will be held in 2020 in St. Augustine, FL. Donations in John's memory may be made to Mt. Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY 14871, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617 or The Catholic Worker, NY, NY 10003. Messages may be left at www.tjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Dotty and family, we were very sad to hear of John’s death. We have such good memories of you both from long ago. We remember the Christian Family Movement and all of John’s anti Vietnam War activities. He really inspired us. We hope that in time the good memories will sustain all of you.
Gerry and Barbara Stasavage

Barbara Stasavage - November 23, 2019 at 09:25 PM

WB

“ Meg,

I am very sorry to learn of your father’s passing. He had a peerless reputation as a teacher in the Ithaca City School District and I got to know him a bit better when you and I worked together on The Tattler. He and your mother raised two outstanding daughters. Please know that folks here in Ithaca remember your dad fondly and with admiration.

My love to you and Beth, your mother, and your families.

*Wendy Buchberg
Ithaca, NY*

Wendy Buchberg - November 16, 2019 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ *Salie and I are saddened to hear of the death of John. We remember him well from our days in the west hill neighborhood in Ithaca and also when we had a chance to visit in St. Augustine many years ago. Our son Luke praised John's teaching and of course your daughter was a delightful babysitter for our kids. So sorry for your loss. Salie and Jerry Wilcox, Ithaca, NY*

Jerry Wilcox - November 15, 2019 at 11:43 AM

BE

Your babysitter so appreciates your wonderful tribute to Dad and kindness! Hope to see you when we visit Ithaca the next time💕💕

Beth - November 27, 2019 at 02:23 PM