



John Frederick Diviney Jr

September 3, 1945 - December 9, 2020

John Frederick Diviney, Jr., age 75 of St. Augustine, FL passed away on December 9, 2020 . John grew up as the son of an Air Force POW. It was his father's dying wish that he play football at N.C. State University. He did just that, on a full scholarship.

John later went on to get his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and served a two-year mission for the Mormon Church. After, He went on to serve his country in the United States Army as a green beret and instructor at the school of the Americas in an illustrious 20- year career.

John's drive did not stop, he then went on to earn his doctorate from Florida State University where he was a Latin American Studies professor and eventually ended his teaching career at Flagler College.

John was a man who was passionate about education, history, reading, and his family. He especially loved his granddaughters. He was a true example of hard work and perseverance to all who knew him. John was a kind man and loving father and husband. He is loved dearly by his family and will be missed. He is survived by his wife, April; children, John (Sherry), Kelly, Tim (Jessica); granddaughters, Kayleigh Diviney and Ali Walker and his brothers, Wayne, Gary, and Eddie along with their spouses. He was preceded in death by his father, John Diviney, Sr. and mother, Myrtle Pruitt.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Diviney well be greatly missed and always remembered. He was always there with needed advice and stories on any rough day at college.*

Amanda - June 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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“ *In 1968 John taught a group of Lds missionaries the Portuguese language and a great deal of common sense. He was a kind, big brother type in of man. His language skills were fabulous and he prepared his class to have great to pronunciation. John loved his class and inspired all to have confidence in Christ and in ourselves. Thanks Sister Diviney for the to special christmas pastry with by a red bow John so in proudly be by gave to us. He was very happy and in love with you Christmas. Be hopeful always.*

Tom Sawyer - August 03, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Frederick Diviney Jr.*



January 14, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ *I haven't seen my Uncle John in many years, I was probably about 14 the last we visited. I remember him being a gentle and kind uncle when I was little. He will be missed by many.*

Sundee Holliday - December 19, 2020 at 11:28 PM

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“ My brother John excelled at everything he attempted in his teen age years . His junior and senior years of high school he was selected as the outstanding athlete at Goldsboro High School. He was in the National honor society and was president of the local chapter of the fellowship of Christian Athletes. His senior year he was the state wrestling champion at 183# 1st team all state football , threw the shot put and discus for the track team and was a pitcher on the Baseball team. He lettered in 4 sports! He served a mission for the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints. He served 2 years in Brazil converting and baptizing many individuals and families. His companions said he was one of the best missionaries they had the honor of working with. John had suffered eye damage when he was a young boy and his vision in that eye was 20/200. When he graduated from college one of his children was born with some severe medical problems , it was impossible for him to afford what his family was facing. When approached the military as a last resort he was told his eye would never allow him to serve as he had been classified 4F by the Draft Board. He decided to try to enlist any way and God preformed a miracle he passed the vision test that was impossible for him. After his basic training he was nominated to attend Officer Candidate School which he passed and was commissioned a Officer. He served 20 years and retired. He then attended Florida State University and got his Doctorate, he had previously got a Masters at Brigham Young University while he was on active duty military. John taught foreign languages for many years before retiring just recently. John was 3 years older than me but we were close growing up. We spent many days fishing and enjoying each other's company. I'll miss him I love you brother.

Wayne Diviney - December 14, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *John Frederick Diviney, Jr. was the first Diviney I met after my husband, Wayne. John was a married student at BYU with an absolutely adorable toddler, Little John. John was a wonderful host on our visit to Provo. He took us to Hobble Creek. John spent time with us despite his busy schedule as a student and full-time job. John never put himself first. I enjoyed listening to his stories of travel later during his illustrious military career. I admired his intelligence and his very sweet, long-suffering personality. John was a mountain of a man and a hard worker yet he was soft spoken and thoughtful when he spoke. He moved his family to Niceville, Florida before entering military service and worked on Eglin AFB on a construction job. He impressed me that he was not too good to do manual labor with a college education. We loved hearing John’s stories of South America and I was impressed with his fluent Spanish. He was so generous with gifts for us on his visits. John was so sweet with our girls, Hollee and Shelley. He was always a gentleman and showed respect for women especially his mother. We all adored John and will miss him. We pray for comfort for April, John III, Kelly and Tim. May the happy memories of his devotion to family sustain you.*

Sundee Diviney - December 14, 2020 at 11:16 PM