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John James Gay, 82, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Butler Township, Pennsylvania, on January 4, 1943, John lived a full life marked by devotion to family, service to country, and quiet strength.

A proud veteran, John honorably served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. He rose to the rank of Captain, exemplifying courage, leadership, and composure under pressure-traits that continued to define him long after his military service.

John made his home in St. Augustine for nearly 40 years, where he built a life grounded in love and loyalty. He is survived by his much loved wife of 56 years, Patricia, with whom he shared a deep and enduring bond. He was a devoted father to Lisa (Jet) and Johnny (Kate), and a proud grandfather to Piper, Schuyler, Grayson, McKenzie, and Alexa.

Those who knew John will remember him as a man of few words but great presence-steady, dependable, and kind. His quiet demeanor never diminished the depth of his love and commitment to those around him. He was actively involved in his children's lives, especially in their sports-attending every game and every swim meet, offering encouragement, and sharing in both the victories and the lessons.

John's legacy lives on in the family he loved so deeply and in the values he passed down-integrity, humility, and unwavering loyalty.

A private service will be held to honor his life and service. To honor John, the family suggests a donations be made to a veterans' organization of your choice in his memory, or an offering of flowers for his service will be greatly appreciated as well.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home

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St. Augustine, FL 32084

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Tribute Wall



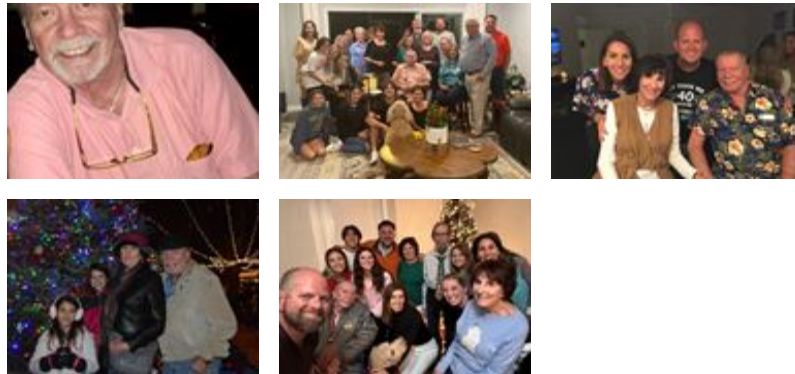
“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John James Gay*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - May 21, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - May 21, 2025 at 08:35 AM

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I will always remember John's great volunteer work at Lightner Museum.

Robert Harper - May 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John James Gay.



May 18, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John James Gay.

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“ Praying for the family & sending my condolences..Love Tiffany Dantzler

Tiffany Dantzler - May 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Love - Tim, Emily, & Ryan Shephard purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John James Gay.



Love - Tim, Emily, & Ryan Shephard - May 17, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John James Gay.*



May 17, 2025 at 05:42 PM



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