



John Patrick Linstroth

June 3, 1940 - October 18, 2024

John P. Linstroth, 84, went to be with Jesus on October 18, 2024. Born on June 30, 1940, in Minneapolis, MN, John was pre-deceased by his parents John H. Linstroth and Margaret W. Linstroth, and is the grandson of James T. Williams, pioneering founder of the Creamette Macaroni Company.

John was fortunate to grow up in Minnesota during the idyllic 1940's and 50's spending summers in the northern Minnesota woodlands and surviving long and cold Minnesota winters while delivering newspapers in subzero weather. John attended Marquette University graduating in 1962 followed by a brief tenure at the University of Minnesota Law School.

John entered the US Navy in the spring of 1963 and earned his Navy Flight Wings in 1964. John was assigned to Helicopter Squadron Five, Quonset Point, RI. Prior to joining HS-5, John attended US Navy Intelligence School. While attached to HS-5, John flew the Sikorsky Sea King Helicopter. During John's tenure with HS-5, the squadron made numerous deployments on six different aircraft carriers. John was especially proud his squadron was involved in the recovery of several Gemini and Apollo spacecrafts.

Upon discharge from the active Navy in 1968, John attended Columbia University where he earned a Master's in Business Administration. While at Columbia, John continued to fly in the US Navy Reserve out of Floyd Bennett

Field, Brooklyn, NY. During turbulent years of 1968 and 1969, while John was attending Columbia, the school was the site of numerous anti-Vietnam War student riots. The US Navy asked John to recruit for the US Navy Aviation Program on the Columbia campus in January 1969, which touched off one of the largest demonstrations against the Vietnam War at the time. This event resulted in a Defense Department decision to discontinue all “college campus” military recruitment for decades.

Following graduation from Columbia, John moved with his family to Dearborn, Michigan, where John joined the Ford Motor Company as a member of the Finance Staff. In January 1973, John left Ford to join the Perini Land and Development Company in West Palm Beach. John was the long-time president of Perini Development during the building boom of the 70's and 80's. During that time, John guided the company through the major developments in WPB, including the Lands of the President, Villages of Palm Beach Lakes, Bear Lakes Country Club, and Olympus (Jupiter).

In 1976, John had the privilege to develop a close friendship with John D. MacArthur. John maintained his special relationship with John D. until Mr. Mac's death in 1978. In 1988, John left Perini to form his own company in partnership with Mitsubishi Estate Ltd., Tokyo. The partnership purchased more than 8,000 acres of land along the I-95 corridor in Martin and St. Lucie counties. John devoted eleven years of his business life improving these sites, including the development and planting of 450,000 citrus trees. Regretfully, Mitsubishi suffering from business set-backs on other ventures in the US and Japan, forced the dissolution of the partnership and the sale of the partnership properties just as they were coming into the early bloom of their development. Undeterred, John embarked on two decades of world-wide travel adventures which eventually would include visits to more than 120 countries.

John has been involved as a leader in many community activities including the

United Way of Palm Beach County, where he served as Fund Drive Chairman in 1979 and President from 1980 to 1982. In 1983, John received the John D. MacArthur Business Man-of-the-Year Award from the Palm Beach Post. In 1982, the Post named John as one of the Ten Most Important Leaders in Palm Beach County. In 1992, John co-founded the Outback Steakhouse High School All Star Football Game, and directed this program for 11 years. John was a long-time member of the Barnett Bank Board of Directors; served for ten years as Trustee for the Palm Beach Day School; served on the Florida State University Foundation Board of Trustees; appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to serve on the State of Florida Affordable Housing Commission; and was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve two terms on the Florida Commission on Ethics. John served two terms on the 4th District Judicial Nomination Commission. John served for nine years on the Board of the Center for International Private Enterprise in Washington, DC; John was proud of his run for mayor of West Palm Beach in 1999 where he displayed leadership and integrity in his runoff loss.

John is survived by his three beloved children: son, Dr. John P. Linstroth II; daughter, Molly Del Re (Joseph); and son, Michael Linstroth (Robyn). John especially treasured the love of his grandchildren: Alexandra Del Re and Peyton Del Re; Robin Michael (deceased) Linstroth, Ruby Louise Linstroth and Bolen Linstroth. His most joyful moments were in the company of these angels. In addition, John is survived by his sisters Catherine Stewart and Margaret Francis; and brothers, Thomas Linstroth, Peter Linstroth, and Paul Linstroth.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests considering a charitable donation in John's memory to Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc. <https://www.ccdpb.org/get-involved/donate.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Prayer Service at 5:15 PM

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Funeral Mass

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
390 S Sequoia Dr
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Gracious God, bless my friend John.*

Thomas H. Aageson - October 26, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MW

“ *Always enjoyed his family stories of days and family members gone by . Gave me a sense of history of the many great characters from which we are all descendants of . He certainly gave background purpose to our family meetings . Many great and enjoyable stories . May he rest in peace **

*Best to all his children / family and congratulations John on a good life fully lived * Cousin , Shane Williams*

Michael (Shane) Williams - October 23, 2024 at 02:13 PM

CG

“ *1 file added to the album Back Then*



charles geer - October 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CG

“ John was a close and dear friend since we grew up golfing together at his beloved Interlachen in the late 50's, our parents were friends and we were buddies for some 70 years. John and I started law school together, I actually picked him up each day to drive to the U. I was shocked when he advised me after only a few months “this isn't for me, I quit.” For him certainly the right decision. He named his street in the Perrini West Palm Beach development “Interlachen Court.” Annually, for many years we visited John and his family there, playing golf, kids frolicking in the ocean and dining. I fondly remember one night John took us to an Italian restaurant and he insisted I order linguini Alfredo, not being Italian, it was my first exposure to the delicacy. He and I played a lot of golf at Interlachen when he visited Minnesota summers, played several years in the biggest member/guest (1977 picture to be posted). We have stayed in touch until very recently.

John Linstroth was a remarkable person. His family and friends always came first, ahead even of his many, many achievements. A gentleman, a “doer,” an adventurer, a “people person” and above all a loyal and beloved friend.

I miss him, we all miss him. Our prayers for him, may he rest in peace.

Chuck Geer

charles geer - October 19, 2024 at 10:48 PM

NC

“ John was a true overachiever who brought so many incredible talents and people together! He was a fly on the wall during his naval experience when he spent substantial time with John McCains parents and as a navy pilot. A whiz kid out of college and the leader of Perrini developments where he oversaw bear lakes squaw creek in Lake Tahoe and substantial apartments complexes in San Francisco. He was selected to oversee one of the largest realestate holdings in the us for Japanese investors in the early 90’s and if not for the collapse of the Japanese economy shortly thereafter would have likely overtaken the largest development in Florida history. Most importantly he put so many people together. The founders program at bear lakes was the tip of the ice berg But established so many lifer long friendships as did his membership program there. He will be missed by all that knew him but the memories of being with him and the memories from the network of friendships that he created will live on. We all give our sympathies to his family and those that loved him! Congratulations to John for a life well lived!!!

Nathaniel Crosby - October 19, 2024 at 02:52 PM

LN

“ John was a wonderful supportive friend that was a pleasure to be around. He was a font of knowledge and competitive person and always ready to assist you in any of your needs.He will be deeply missed. My prayers and condolences to the family.

Lou Nanne - October 19, 2024 at 09:16 AM

KP

John took my Dad Jim Linstroth, his Uncle (John's Dad John & my Dad Jim were brothers) out for dinner in MN. I will always remember John as he was so kind to my Dad. And to me also, cousin Kathy. I talked to him a few times while in hospice. John is with God now. Kathy Portell Linstroth

Kathleen Portell - October 19, 2024 at 02:23 PM

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John was a true gentleman, always attentive to the needs of others, compassionate and generous. His ready smile and warm demeanor endeared himself to many. Go in God's peace and remain there always John, you have left a legacy of goodness and kindness with your family and friends.

Father Leo - October 22, 2024 at 12:22 PM

MB

*What an incredible obituary summarizing a life full of accomplishments, adventure and service. Being the first grandson/cousin of 29, he gave each of us much to admire and be proud of. I know that my mother (Aunt Joan) and I enjoyed rooting for him in his mayoral race and following some of his many adventures. A special memory that I have was when I was around 16 he took his mom and dad and my mom and I all out for dinner to a very swanky restaurant in WPB. He insisted that I try lobster for my first time. He ordered one for himself as well. When they arrived he tied a bib onto me and one onto himself and then demonstrated step by step on his lobster with me following on mine, the fine art of eating lobster in an elegant manner. It was great fun! On a sadder occasion, it meant so much to me when John kindly called for a long chat when my brother Jim died. I read him what I had spoken at his funeral and John was so genuinely interested to hear of Jim's life's accomplishments. At the end of our conversation John extended an open invitation to visit him any time in Florida and that I was welcome's to stay with him. I wish now that I had taken him up on it. As a Christian and fellow believer in Jesus Christ being my Lord and Savior, I was so happy to read in John's obituary that his first and foremost accomplishment is his faith in Jesus and his presence in Heaven now with him. I may have missed visiting with him in Florida but I look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. I send my love and condolences to all who loved him.
xoMichele Bell*

Michele Bell - October 25, 2024 at 05:20 AM