



John Henry Collier

September 2, 1953 - March 9, 2023

John Henry Collier, 69, of Myrtle Beach, SC passed away suddenly, early in the morning on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Born September 2, 1953 in Alexandria, VA, he was the son of the late James Henry Collier and Mary Hough.

John began his law enforcement career in Prince William County, VA in 1975 and rose through the ranks from County Police Officer to retiring as Chief Deputy Sheriff in 2012, a position he held for 8 years. During his career, John worked on several important concepts to advance the quality of law enforcement in America, including Critical Incident Stress Management for public safety officers, the AMBER Alert system, School Violence response (now known as Active Shooter Response), Hostage Negotiation, and vast committee work on the sex offender registry law that became known as Megan's Law. John was also an adjunct faculty member for National Louis University and George Mason University. John received his Doctor of Business Administration in 2005 from Ashwood University (Magna Cum Laude).

After retirement, John and his wife, Brenda, moved to Myrtle Beach, SC where he became a licensed Realtor in early 2013, a South Carolina Broker in 2018, a certified Real Estate Instructor in 2019, and the Chief of Operations of Pinnacle Real Estate Academy in 2021.

John was very accomplished in his career, but he also was a loving father, husband, mentor, and friend. He had a great sense of humor, and was adored and admired by so many. Some of the favorite things including golfing, grilling, smoking on his smoker.

Over the last several years, he loved spending each night in his "garage mancave" with his four stray cats, which he named with his humor that only John could name: Foot, Foot Foot, Foot Foot Foot and Squeaky. LOL, John. The cats would hear his truck pulling in and would come running to greet him and to get belly loving. They will truly miss their Daddy so much.

John is survived by his wife Brenda and his three children: his son Jason Whitney and Jason's wife, Teresa, and their child, Mason, of Helena, MT; his daughter Julie Fritter and her husband, Brian, along with their children Joshua, Christian, and Ashlyn of Myrtle Beach, SC; his son Johnathan Collier and his wife, Samantha, and their children Dylan and Ellie of Fredericksburg, VA; Jennifer Nicely, whom he considered his daughter, his sister Janice Hart of Myrtle Beach, SC; his brother Mike Collier of Farmerville, LA; and a host of dear family and friends.

A ceremony will be held in his honor on March 16, 2023 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Frontage Road Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Visiting hours will be from 3 PM -4 PM, with the Celebration of Life from 4 PM -5 PM.

An additional Celebration of Life will be held in Manassas, Virginia within the next month; details will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite organization or charity in John's name.

To watch John's funeral, follow the livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3171462>

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAR **16**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Family will receive friends one hour prior, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Henry Collier*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - March 15, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *RIP John, you will not be forgotten*



Tracey Hormuth - March 16, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Henry Collier.*



March 16, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JF

“ John was an amazing man. He was so kind, and very funny, he gave the best hugs. He was always there to help if needed. I have so many memories of him through the years and love him like a second father. I will miss him dearly. My love and support goes out to Brenda and all of the family. ❤️



Jenny Foster - March 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Henry Collier.



March 16, 2023 at 07:24 AM

CS

“ Brenda, John was a wonderful man. A golfing buddy with my husband Ed. When my Ed passed away 4 years ago, John came to my house the next day and brought me 2 photographs he had taken on the golf course which meant the world to me. John also loved my hot Italian sausages. I have found memories of every time I made them my Ed made sure John got two containers of them. He made Ribs for my Ed's memorial and was a true friend. My heart , thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.

cheryl shockley - March 15, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CB

“ John was a great supervisor and even a better friend. We worked together on the PWCPD, He was decisive and always had your back. He was always up for an adventure, Boating, and fishing at Lake Anna, Snow skiing, or St.Patrick Day trip to Scranton PA. Mike Pennington, Bob Mchale, John Buttner, Wayne Stewart. I can't believe You're gone!! RIP
Your Friend Charley B.

Charles A. Barlow - March 15, 2023 at 06:25 PM

NK

“ Rest in Peace Sir!



N Kephart - March 15, 2023 at 05:01 PM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - March 15, 2023 at 04:04 PM

JT

“ Brenda, Jason, Julie and Johnathan, We were very saddened to hear of John's sudden passing last week. Although we haven't seen John since the relocation to Myrtle Beach, we have fond memories of our time together in the Manassas, VA. community we shared during our younger years. Also, who can forget the fun golf trips to Myrtle Beach that John, myself and many other friends enjoyed over the years. If memory serves me correctly, Jason joined us for at least one of those trips. I still laugh at some of those memories. Life is sometimes not fair, and John's sudden passing certainly falls into the "not fair" category. Mitzi and I send our deepest sympathy to all of you and hope that each of you can hold onto the special memories you had with your Husband and your Dad, and find comfort in those memories to ease over time, the pain you are feeling now. God Bless you all.
Jim and Mitzi Turner

Jim Turner - March 15, 2023 at 03:35 PM

DT

“ Rest In Peace 🙏



Daniel & Judy Taber - March 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ I will never forget John's helping my husband & I find our "beach house" here in Myrtle Beach. He always had a kind word & funny quip... we loved bringing PWC down here to Myrtle!



Kathy Strauss - March 15, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Bryan Scott lit a candle in memory of John Henry Collier*



Bryan Scott - March 15, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *Brenda Heier lit a candle in memory of John Henry Collier*



Brenda Heier - March 15, 2023 at 08:42 AM



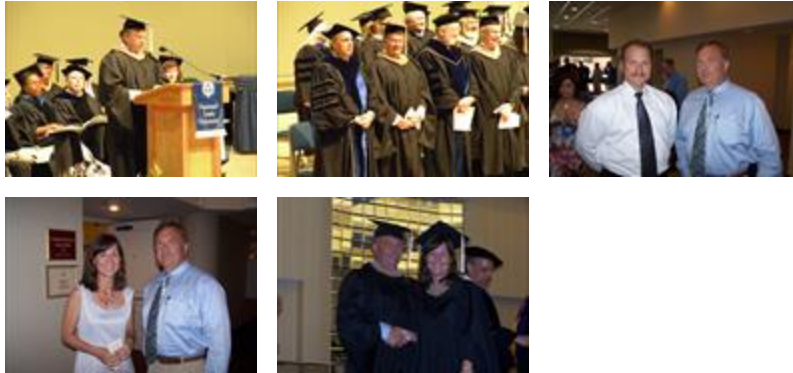
“ *Heather Tenney lit a candle in memory of John Henry Collier*



Heather Tenney - March 15, 2023 at 08:32 AM

CI

“ 5 files added to the album NLU



Cindy - March 15, 2023 at 07:44 AM

CI

“ 9 files added to the album PWC SO



Cindy - March 15, 2023 at 07:43 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album LPW



Cindy - March 15, 2023 at 07:43 AM

RC

“ Brenda, Lisa and I offer our condolences on John’s passing. Fond memories of working with him and going through the National Louisa program together. John was always approachable and that’s why people were comfortable around him

Ray Colgan - March 14, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Henry Collier.



March 14, 2023 at 08:38 PM

LC

“ Laura Collins lit a candle in memory of John Henry Collier



Laura Collins - March 14, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TW

“ Trisha Whitaker lit a candle in memory of John Henry Collier



Trisha Whitaker - March 14, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John Henry Collier*.



March 14, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John Henry Collier*.



March 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM