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John Stone Laraway, 79, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend passed away unexpectedly March 25, 2023, at the Conway Medical Center in Conway, South Carolina.

John was born October 18, 1943, in Waterbury, CT the son to the late Kenneth Marshall and Ruth Florian Laraway.

He attended and graduated Wilby High School in Waterbury, CT.

Major Laraway served active duty in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1983; he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant Class 15-66 of Company A Signal Officer Candidate School on the 11th of August 1966. He attended numerous military schooling including the Signal Officer Career Course at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. While on active duty, he served his country on numerous assignments in Korea, Europe, the United States and Vietnam where he received a Bronze Star. John retired from active duty at Fort Dix New Jersey.

Following his retirement from active duty, he worked as a Department of Army Civilian Operations Officer, retiring in December 2011.

In April of 1967 he met the love of his life, 1st Lieutenant Karen Ann Huwar (Laraway), Army Nurse Corp. After their assignment in Southeast Asia (Vietnam), they were married 22 March 1969. They spent 54-years together, loving, laughing, challenging each other, and traveling to places they could only dream of in their youth.

In 1970, their son, J. Stone Laraway II was born in Stuttgart, Germany followed by their second son, Jarrett Scot Laraway in 1972.

John was well known and immensely loved both in the military and civilian communities. He was a loving father to Stone and Jarrett being a dad, coach, mentor, and a disciplinarian. No matter what sport his boys were playing, you could find him on the sidelines or in the front row cheering his heart out. He was a fierce competitor in the stands as a proud fan and on the field, court, and baseball diamond as a player. Always ready to lace them up and get in the game or give advice to his boys and their teammates.

In later years, Mr. Laraway could be found cheering on his two granddaughters Jordan and Jacqui in soccer, basketball, and volleyball. His granddaughters along with their mom Jessica Laraway were the apple of "Pops" eye, he talked about them to anyone who would listen.

Additionally, he is survived by one brother, Wayne Laraway in Waterbury, CT, numerous nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of John's life will be held in Mount Holly, NJ for family and friends at a future date.

He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery; details will be provided to family and friends.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met John shortly after he and Karen met. Karen was my trailer buddy in Vietnam. My husband, Dick was stationed nearby. I am so grateful we have been in touch. I remember John as a warm, affable guy who clearly had his eyes on Karen. I am sorry we weren't able to see each other more recently. John and Karen are special people to me.

With love, Cathy Nugent

Cathy Nugent - April 26, 2023 at 10:33 PM

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“ John,
Sure wish we could have seen each other one more time. I loved you and thought of you often. Give kisses to all our family. Love you, cousin. Susan

Susan Florian Meyer - April 03, 2023 at 11:12 PM

Jl

“ I miss you dad! I know we didn't always see eye to eye, but I always had the utmost respect for you. What a career and best relationship you had with mom ... Go Army! I know I never said that out loud, but deep down I was always proud. Stubborn like you I am. I love you to the moon and back. The sacrifices you made for Jarrett and me; and for the most important person of our family, mom.



You will be missed. Your infectious smile and eyes lit up the room no matter where you went. I have so many things to say and I'm getting all choked up. You did everything for us. Thank you for the great memories, for being there and having my/our back(s), all the support from all the sports we participated in, coaching and guiding us to perfect our sports, showing us what it means to be a human (man) exemplifying how to be respectful, reliable, honest, trustworthy, courageous, and having integrity. You and I really do have more in common while we both would ardently disagree.

Be a good sport wherever you are. We will meet again.

Love always and forever, your son,

Stone

J. Stone Laraway II - April 03, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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My heart goes out to all of you. I am sure my mom welcomed him with open arms and a tennis racket ❤️ So many fond memories of him and you all! Grateful for his rides to swim practice (especially the early morning ones 😊❤️) sending you all love and light! Will see you in Mt. Holly. ❤️🙏❤️

Maggie Nolder Schulze - April 04, 2023 at 08:33 PM