



John Allan Owens

October 14, 1949 - March 11, 2023

John Allan Owens, 73, of Myrtle Beach, passed away on March 11, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

John was born October 14, 1949, in Granville, New York, son of the late Allan D. Owens and Mildred L. Duel Owens. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by sisters, Shirley Rozell and Betty Bishop, as well as his first wife, Elizabeth Kaplenk Owens.

John obtained his Master's Degree in Social Work from SUNY Albany. He worked for the New York State Department of Mental Health for many years and retired as the Director of the Bureau of Suicide Prevention. In his leisure time, John was an avid fan and player of tennis and golf.

John is survived by his loving family, including his wife Rita Silverman Owens; his daughter Marissa Bongo (Jared) of Ballston Spa, NY; his daughter Alexandra Owens of Elmhurst, NY; his grandson Cameron Bongo; his sister Carolyn Marshall; as well as several nieces, nephews and many friends.

No services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite animal shelter or food pantry in John's memory.

Goldfinch Funeral Home of Carolina Forest is honored to serve the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were fortunate to travel with John and Rita as well, returning with them from Hawaii the day before the pandemic was declared. We shared a lot during Covid times, and will miss John dearly. The golf teams and game nights will not be the same without him. 🌸
Al and Linda Fields

Al and Linda Fields - March 20, 2023 at 02:53 PM

HS

“ Our condolences to all of John’s family and friends.

It was a privilege to have John as our brother-in-law. He was kind, competitive, and courageous.

John was a great host, guest, and travel companion. With him and Rita, we went as far east as Warsaw, Poland and as far west as Maui. We got to share seeing world-class natural wonders, ancient and modern buildings, important works of art, live performances, and food from pierogies to mahi-mahi.

And sometimes we had special experiences. We went to the Motown Museum in Detroit expecting a standard tour, but by good fortune our guide was a Motown star, Martha “Dancing in the Streets” Reeves. She knew the original studios and offices like the back of her hand and it was great fun to meet her.

We are posting photos of John with Rita, grandson Cameron, and John being taken for a walk by his special canine buddy “Doc.”

Deborah and Howard Silverman



Howard Silverman - March 20, 2023 at 12:06 PM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.

Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - March 15, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JA

“ I met John through his first wife. Betsey. I worked in private practice with Betsey for many years, but also would frequently touch base with John at OMH. He was always a friendly and kind soul. My condolences to his wife and children.

John Allegretti-Freeman

John Allegretti-Freeman - March 15, 2023 at 08:00 AM

SL

“ To Rita, Marissa, Alexandra and families: John and Jeff were roommates in the early 70's and was easily one of our favorite people from the get-go. We sang at John and Betsy's wedding, we rejoiced with John and Rita at their beautiful wedding, and we spent so many wonderful times enjoying their incomparable hospitality in Albany (oh, those great board games!). John was the epitome of a kind, gentle soul who made you feel good, just by being around him. Please know that we're thinking of John and all of you as you celebrate his life and cherish his memory.

Susan Rothchild and Jeff Lustick

Susan Rothchild/Jeff Lustick - March 14, 2023 at 12:59 PM