



John Ree Morris

November 1, 1950 - August 12, 2024

John Ree Morris, affectionately known as Ray, peacefully passed away at his home in Richmond, Virginia, on August 12, 2024, at the age of 73. Born on November 1, 1950, in Mansura, Louisiana, John's life was a testament to dedication, love, and service to others.

John is lovingly remembered by his two sisters, Angelain Morris-Loggins (Dwayne Loggins) and Delphine Morris-James (Gerald James), his three daughters, Sydnye Rogers (Greg Rogers), Briana Morris, and Brooke Morris (Tavaras Johnson), his son, Jonathan Morris, his devoted life partner, Solita Allen, his eight cherished grandchildren, and a multitude of close friends who were like family to him. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Sidney and Edna Morris (Dupas), and his eldest daughter, Loretta Prier.

John's life was marked by hard work, dedication, and a deep sense of responsibility. After graduating from Mary Bethune High School in 1970 and earning a degree in Accounting from Grambling State University in 1974, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he began his career as an accountant. In 1975, John answered a higher calling and joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served with honor and distinction until his retirement as a Gunnery Sergeant in November 2005.

In 1996, John settled in Richmond, Virginia, where his natural charisma and

integrity made him a top car salesman before he found his true calling in service with the United States Postal Service. Over the next 24 years, until his retirement in June 2022, John became a beloved figure in his community, known for his unwavering commitment to his work and the kindness he extended to everyone he met.

John was not only a man of service but also a man of deep faith. As an active and devout member of St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, he found joy in giving back to his community and living a life guided by love, compassion, and selflessness.

Beyond his professional achievements and community service, John was a loving father, grandfather, partner, and friend. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, traveling to new places, and maintaining a lifelong passion for fitness. His love for life and those around him was evident in everything he did, and his presence brought warmth and joy to everyone who knew him.

As we remember John, we find solace in the many lives he touched and the indelible mark he left on our hearts. His legacy lives on in the lessons he taught us, the unwavering love he shared, and the countless memories we will forever cherish. Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit will continue to guide and inspire us every day.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

AUG 22. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church
909 Rennie Ave.
Richmond, VA 23227

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - August 23, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ *I am Marilyn Morris John's first wife we divorced years ago, last time seeing John was was years ago. I am deeply heart broken because he was a great person. I am lost for words and I could only take deep breath's that he's gone on to god. Not sure who would receive this message but my condolences to all and his children plus two sisters not sure if both are alive . I wish I could have said goodbye 🙏
My emails gatormom636@gmail.com I would love to know if he was sick*



marilyn morris/first wife - September 11, 2024 at 11:10 PM

RD

“ *Prayers of comfort and condolences to Sydnye, Briana, Brooke and the entire Morris family. May you cherish John's memories forever. With sympathy and love,*

The Doggett Family

R and B Doggett - August 22, 2024 at 06:57 PM

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“ *Heartfelt condolenes to the family of Ray Morris. Our Prayers are with you.*

Oscar & Cynthia Prevot Lavalais - August 21, 2024 at 11:47 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Vernon Gordon and TLC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Ree Morris.*



Pastor Vernon Gordon and TLC Family - August 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Geneva L. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Ree Morris.*



Geneva L. - August 19, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - August 15, 2024 at 12:59 PM