



John Burdick Donahoe

October 24, 1930 - April 23, 2023

Lieutenant Colonel John Burdick Donahoe, (USAF Ret), passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 23, 2023. John was born on October 24, 1930 in Scranton, PA to Dr Anthony Aloysious and Nettie Mae Donahoe. He had five siblings, Robert, James, Ann, Fred, and Mary Alice. When he was 7 years old, the family moved to State College, PA where John grew up. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Animal Husbandry in June 1952. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USAF Reserves through the college AFROTC program. While stationed in San Antonio, TX in 1956, he met Vivian Marie Wood, and they were married three years later in June 1959. John was stationed all over the world. He had assignments in Germany, France, Thailand, Japan, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and California. He was last stationed at Travis AFB, where he retired in 1979. John was very active in military chapel programs wherever he was stationed. He was an original parishioner of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Parish in Fairfield, where he served in many capacities. After retiring from the Air Force, John found an organization that touched his heart and soul. For over 35 years he was an active counselor, co-administrator, and successful fundraiser for Camp ReCreation, a Diocesan camp for those with developmental disabilities. John was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 67 years. He was a 4th Degree Knight and served as the Financial Secretary for seventeen years for Chief Solano Council 3585.

John is predeceased by both of his parents, his older brothers, Robert and James Donahoe, and older sister, Ann McNamara. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Vivian Wood Donahoe, daughters Patrice Donahoe of Pleasanton, CA, Mari Carol Donahoe of Red Hook, NY, Lisa and her husband Robert Augusto of Fairfield, CA, and son John Donahoe and wife Nadja Geipert of Roseville, CA. He is also survived by granddaughter Meghan O'Connell of Fairfield, CA and grandsons Luke, John, and Daniel Donahoe of Roseville, CA. Additionally he is survived by his brother, Reverend Fred Donahoe of Stafford, VA and sister, Mary Alice Gagnon of Sarasota, FL, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the Donahoe Family requests donations be made to the John Donahoe Campership Fund @ Camp ReCreation. Please make checks payable to Camp ReCreation, note John Donahoe in the memo of the check, and mail it to: John Donahoe Campership Fund @ Camp ReCreation PO Box 671
Orangevale, CA 95662

A Viewing and Funeral Mass will be held on May 19, 2023, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 2700 Dover Ave, Fairfield, CA. Viewing from 10:30-11:00am, Mass at 11:00am, followed by a Celebration of Life at The Clubhouse at Rancho Solano, 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy, Fairfield, CA.

Burial Service with Military Honors will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 11:00am at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Rd, Dixon, CA 95620.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
2700 Dover Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Burial / Committal Service

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Tribute Wall



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of John Burdick Donahoe.*



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