



## John P. Rahill

March 18, 1942 - June 22, 2021

John P. Rahill entered into eternal rest on June 22, 2021. John was born in Astoria , Queens on March 18, 1942. From the beginning John was a real character, having frequented many Catholic schools in Queens. John would grow into a man and would enlist in the United States Airforce in 1964. After basic training John would spend the next 4 years of his service at various bases on the West Coast, before being shipped to Vietnam in 1967. He served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968. After being discharged from the Air Force as a Sergeant, John went to The College of Aeronautics to pursue his dream of being an FAA Certified Airplane Mechanic. Once he completed his degree he would spend the next 38 years working on airplanes first for TWA, and then American Airlines.

John was a very active person. He loved being around people, and his real passion was helping others. After his retirement, John would volunteer to drive veterans and local seniors to their doctors appointments. He was a Trustee and Historian for the American Legion Post 273 in Keansburg. He was the Chaplain for the V.F.W Post 4303 in Hazlet. John was the treasurer of his Disabled American Veterans chapter. He was also a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was an active member of the Cullen Senior Group in Hazlet, and the Keansburg Senior Club. John was also the Vice President of the N.J. TWA. Retirees Club where he would enjoy luncheons and conventions all across the country. John was the Honored Veteran at the

Keansburg Memorial Day Parade in 2010, and was honored to receive The Chapel of the 4 Chaplains Legion of Honor Award for his service to the community following Hurricane Sandy.

John was an avid fisherman, and he loved fishing both freshwater and saltwater. He would constantly check his tide charts, and let you know when the stripers were hitting. John loved airplanes, and enjoyed taking in the Atlantic City Airshow with his buddies. John was famous for his St. Patrick's Day parties where he would host friends and family. He would amaze his guests with his cooking and his homemade Irish Soda Bread. He loved to travel as well, going to many countries and states across America. John's ultimate passion was his family. He loved being around his family and was willing to do anything for them. He loved his children, and was over the moon in love with his grandchildren. Grandpa was always watching, playing, or sitting with his grandchildren. He always offered sage advice, and was a great and loyal friend. He always greeted his friends and family with his famous catchphrase " Hey Kid".

John is predeceased by his parents Francis and Bridget Rahill, his loving wife of 39 years Nancy Rahill, and his brothers Francis and Michael Rahill. He is survived by his Son Brian, and his wife Kimberly of Elmwood Park, his daughter Jean Burkhard, and her husband Kerry of Middletown, and his grandchildren Ashley, Kayla, Brynne, and Gavin, and many friends and family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Green Memorial Park

Texas Road  
Morganville, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Avenue  
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

## Visitation

JUN 28. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Avenue  
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

## Funeral gathering

JUN 29. 9:30 AM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Avenue  
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

## Funeral Mass

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JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Catherine's Church  
110 Bray Avenue  
Middletown, NJ 07748

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ John was a super guy. He was the VP of the Garden State TWA Seniors Club and was one of the most loyal members. We will miss him greatly. My wife calls him one of the sweetest men she has ever known. His work with Veterans' Groups and Seniors' organizations was wonderful. The world is a better place because John lived.  
Charlie and Helen Wilder

Charles L Wilder - June 28, 2021 at 07:37 PM

EC

“ I met John at my veterans group meetings with Dr. Lozinsky. We instantly became friends. John was a good fisherman and we went together on several trips from Atlantic Highlands. I will miss him very much. Erv

Erwin Coons - June 28, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.



June 28, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.



June 28, 2021 at 01:54 AM

MS

“ *The first time we meet John he was afraid sine Nan had been part of family for years.*

Mary Stracener - June 27, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.*



June 27, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jean Burkhard - June 26, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Jean Burkhard - June 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BF

“ *Botbyl Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. Rahill.*



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**Botbyl Family** - June 25, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RG

“ *John and I met as members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 12. He was one of the quietest, caring men I have ever met, He will be thought of often and missed even more.*  
*Rich Gough*

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**Rich Gough** - June 25, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.*



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June 24, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.*



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June 24, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.*



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June 24, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John P. Rahill.*



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June 23, 2021 at 10:42 PM