



## John Stewart Bahns

January 23, 1924 - November 12, 2020

John Stewart Bahns, 96, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2020. He was born the ninth of thirteen children on January 23, 1924 in East Hampton, L.I., NY to the late Frederick and Elizabeth (Meinke) Bahns. In addition to his parents, John is predeceased by his wife MaryAnn (Ryan) in 1988 and twelve siblings through the years.

In his youth, John spent much time working on horse and dairy farms in Pine Plains, NY. It laid the foundation for teaching him about the values of hard work and responsibility. John served in the US Navy during WWII aboard Liberty ships which delivered tanks and other supplies. When he returned from the war, he went to trade school and learned the skills to become a floor mechanic. He specialized in installing all kinds of floors and became very highly regarded in his trade. He was an avid golfer during most of his life and also enjoyed bowling.

He came to Sarasota with his family in 1967 from Huntington, L.I., NY. In 1990 after the passing of his wife two years earlier he moved to Zephyrhills, FL where he enjoyed many more rounds of golf with new friends he had made there. He lived there for 25 years and returned to Sarasota in 2015 to be closer to his family. In his later years one of his favorite past times was watching and cheering on the Tampa Bay Rays and enjoying more family dinners and celebrations with his children and grandchildren. Through the years, he also treasured his many trips back to New York to visit family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Kathleen Corso and her husband Frank of Sarasota; son, Kevin Bahns of Tacoma, WA; grandchildren, Roseann Brown (Roy) and Daniel Corso (Katie) of Sarasota; Rachel Bahns, of Riverview; Nicholas Corso and Caitlin Otto (Ricky) of Sarasota and Calvin Bahns of Tacoma. Also great grandchildren; Caleb, Leah, Tyler, Skylar, Isabella, Kaia and Grady of Sarasota and Riverview and his longtime companion, Dolores McElwain of Port Jefferson Sta., L.I., NY and her family.

There will be a graveside service with Navy Military Honors on Friday, April 2, 2021 at 11:00 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

Any donations may be made in his memory to Tidewell Hospice, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the DAV.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle John was the best uncle ever!!! He will forever be loved and missed. My deepest condolences to my cousins Kathy and Kevin and all his family and friends. 🙏❤️*  
*Brenda Bahns Crozier*

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**Brenda Bahns Crozier** - December 29, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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*My family and I had the pleasure of meeting John later in life. He was truly a nice man and we enjoyed spending time with him. My favorite memory of John is sitting with him and listenng to him tell us about his life when he was growing up. He would explain how he worked the potato farms in the Hamptons and how he walked through the fields to school with his brother. He loved to talk about his family and how proud he was of them. I always remember him saying that was the "good old days". RIP John you are home now at peace.*

*Maureen and John Reilly - Janurary 26, 2021*

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**Maureen and John Reilly** - January 26, 2021 at 08:42 AM