



John F. Byers

December 4, 1942 - December 2, 2025

John F. "Jack" Byers, 82, of Turtle Creek, PA, originally from Oakmont, PA, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2025, at LGAR Health & Rehabilitation, where he had been a resident for 13 years.

Born December 4, 1942, in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Francis R. Byers and Anna Evelyn (Foster). John was the beloved husband of the late Amelia C. Byers, affectionately known as "Millie." He was preceded in death by his brother Patrick "Frog," sister Bonnie McCormick, and his son John (late Jackie) Byers.

John is survived by his brother Michael, brother-in-law Peter, and his son Jeffrey (Barbara). He was a proud grandfather to four grandchildren: Patrick, Caitlyn, Courtney, and Emilee, and two great-grandchildren: Kaisley and Amelia. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A former employee of Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc., John had a passion for life that included golfing and a deep love for baseball. He dedicated 30 years to refereeing for the Oakmont Baseball League and was a devoted Pittsburgh Pirates fan. He cherished reading to grade school children and was an active member of the FHPC church choir, where he enjoyed sharing his love for music. An avid fan of western and war movies, John also served his country as a Navy veteran aboard the USS Soley.

His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he loved spending time at the beach, often found sitting outside listening to oldies music.

A celebration of life service will be held on December 14, 2025, at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, located at 1840 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, 15221. Visitation will take place in the parlor from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the service beginning at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in memory of Jack.

Since Jack loved music and singing the family thought it would be meaningful to have his service on the same day as the church has their Christmas cantata. The choir will present this musical offering for the Christmas season. This service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The family extends special thanks to the care team at LGAR for their excellent care during his residency. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Jack on Soley. The day before he was discharged, he was in his rack (bunk) enjoying his last day as a sailor when I told him that JFK had been shot. What he said I was full of cannot be repeated here. 🙏 Even though we were in different divisions we were friends, but then, Jack was a friend to all. I Pray our Heavenly Father will Shower his family and friends with strength and solace during this trying time. Rest in Peace Shipmate. Fair winds and following Seas.

Al Stiles - December 21, 2025 at 03:46 PM

JH

“ We old sailors who served on the USS Soley DD-707 with Jack send prayers to Jack's family. Jack was a real sailor and loved his shipmates. ._. Jack.

Jimmy Hawker - December 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM

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“ My brother and I spent many memorable weekends with Uncle Jack, Aunt Millie, John and Jeff when we were young. These weekends were full of sports, fun and laughter. He sure did love to sing and had a great voice. Uncle Jack was also always there to help and support our mother. Rest in peace Uncle Jack. You are back with Aunt Millie, my mother and all your loved ones.
Richard Perallo

Richard Perallo - December 05, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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“ Uncle Jack was such a positive male roll model in my / our lives growing up. Our weekends together with Aunt Millie , uncle Jack cousin John and Jeff were some of my fondest memories. He kept up with us boys while playing football, baseball and wiffle ball! I am so grateful for those memories. Love Ron Perallo

Ronald Perallo - December 05, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of John F. Byers.



December 05, 2025 at 12:29 PM

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“ Ron and Crystal Perallo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Byers.

Ron and Crystal Perallo - December 05, 2025 at 12:29 PM