



John A. Morris Sr.

August 29, 1942 - May 27, 2019

John Allen Morris, Sr., 76, of Clarion, passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 29, 1942 in New Kensington; son of the late William and Margaret Grimm Morris.

John was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a long time Clarion resident and business entrepreneur.

John was founder of Clarion Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep and State College Ford Lincoln of State College, PA.

He served for many years on various boards and committees, and had a long affiliation with the Ford dealer advertising board (FDAF).

John supported and was involved in many local charities and always believed in giving back to the local communities.

He enjoyed traveling, playing golf, being social, and spending time with his family and friends.

John lived life to the fullest, and with great passion.

He was always known as the eternal optimist and his laugh was “unbelievable”.

John is survived by his three children: John Morris, Jr. and his wife Bobbi of State College, Tracie Kriebel and her husband Gary of Clarion, and Gina Batts and her husband Adrian of Irwin and eight grandchildren: Jordan Batts, Julian Batts, Josh Kriebel, Alexa Kriebel, Matthew Morris, Jack Morris, Stella Morris, and Gionna Batts.

He is also survived by his siblings: James Morris, Peggy Smith, Betsy Meier, Joe Morris, and Linda Franklin.

John was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Lee Morris and Robert Morris.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, presiding.

Entombment will take place in the Immaculate Conception Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions can be made in John's name to the Clarion County Literacy Council, 644 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214 or to a local charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Tribute Wall

GM

“ John was a Family friend, 1st to my Dad, Harve Murray, then to me as I got into the Ford business. He served with us both on the FDAF & LMDA boards over the years. I always marveled at John's relationships with both Ford Dealers & Ford Motor Co. personnel. Everyone loved him, including me. Us "younger" guys affectionately called him "Dad" after a few cocktails. I will never forget the lessons learned from John, even the ones from the "Buckhead" in Atlanta on one of our many trips together. All around great guys like John are few, and it's a great loss to to all who knew and loved him. Our sympathy & prayers go out to John Jr. & Tracy and their families. Godspeed to you John.

*Greg Murray &
The Murray Family*

Greg Murray - June 05, 2019 at 05:36 PM

BQ

“ John was always a gentleman with his “unbelievable “ smile and genuine joy for life. Our heartfelt sympathies to his family.
*The Buddy Quertinmont Family
Point Marion Ford Sales, Inc.*

Brenda Quertinmont - June 02, 2019 at 12:55 AM

FD

“ From all of us at the Stoltz Family Dealerships purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of John A. Morris Sr..



From all of us at the Stoltz Family Dealerships - May 30, 2019
at 06:04 PM

CW

“ John & Tracie,

So sorry for your loss. I have some many great memories of all you guys from my days in the Ford Division Pittsburgh Region. John Sr. was a great guy and mentor.

Unbelievable!!!!

*Chris Williamson
Ernest McCarty Ford
Alabaster, AL
chrisw4lsu@gmail.com*

Chris Williamson - May 30, 2019 at 02:02 PM

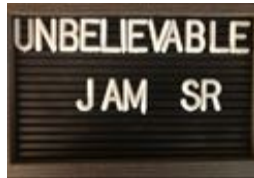
RP

“ John always had a smile when he came in the store. He was so friendly to everyone. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Rich & Tammy Palmer - May 30, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - May 30, 2019 at 01:03 PM

CA

“ *Morris Family,*

Knowing John was definitely one of those things in my life that I will never forget. Memories from buying cars, ski trips, golfing, Bullfeathers bar, Steeler, Pirate and Penguin games are some that I will remember and cherish forever. John gave me my very first golf driver and I used it up until just a few years ago. It was "unbelievable" just as he always said with a huge smile and laugh. Never will forget. God Bless and may he be reunited with some of his best friends.

Carla Ragley Smith



Carla - May 30, 2019 at 12:59 PM

GS

“ *Greg and Vivian Diehl (Diehl's Ford Sales) purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



Greg and Vivian Diehl (Diehl's Ford Sales) - May 30, 2019 at 09:34 AM

MK

“ *to the family of john morris you have my deepest symathay I had a lot of fun with john at fdaf meetings he sure lived life to the fuliest rest in peace my friend from mike knowlton of knowlton ford in Woodsfield ohio*

mike knowlton - May 30, 2019 at 08:25 AM

TF

*Gina, AJ and family. Our deepest sympathy. May he be blessed with eternal peace in Heaven.
The Vinkler family*

The Vinkler Family - May 31, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 30, 2019 at 07:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 30, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 29, 2019 at 07:52 PM

SG

“ Peggy and Linda - So sorry for the loss of your brother. May God provide you all with peace and comfort to cope with this loss. Praying for the family and sending much love your way.

Sherri Gantt - May 29, 2019 at 07:06 PM

TF

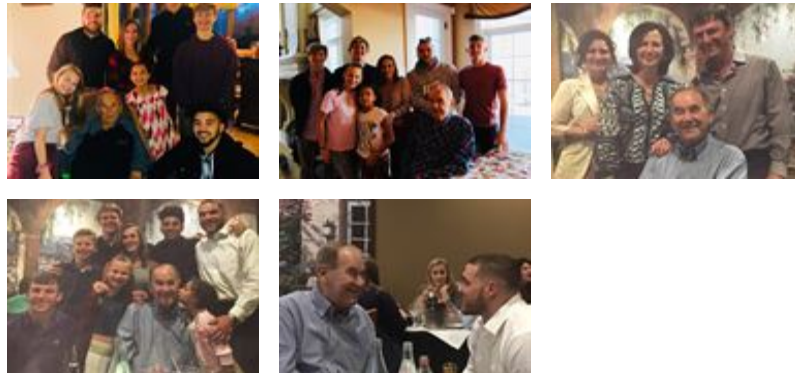
“ The Rallis family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of John A. Morris Sr..



The Rallis family - May 29, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - May 29, 2019 at 03:42 PM

MR

“ Dear John, Tracie, & Gina,

I was saddened to see the passing of your dad. John had a great influence on all aspects of my years knowing him. He was always so positive in his outlook on business, family, friends, & social acquaintances. It has been my privilege to know & be a very small part of his life as well as meeting all of you.

God Bless you all. With fond memories of John, Mike & Sandy Rockmore

Mike Rockmore - May 29, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 29, 2019 at 12:49 PM

NA

“ *Jhon ,lovely,, always smiling, great human being, will miss you. Nashir . University Korner*

nashir - May 29, 2019 at 10:57 AM

TS

“ *The Felentzer's (Debbie, Lorie, Makenzie & Shaylie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



The Felentzer's (Debbie, Lorie, Makenzie & Shaylie - May 29, 2019 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ *john is great man and good friend and will be missed jeff atkinson*

jeff atkinson - May 29, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 29, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 29, 2019 at 09:20 AM

JS

“ *John C Schuldt lit a candle in memory of John A. Morris Sr.*



John C Schuldt - May 28, 2019 at 08:42 PM

JS

“ *Tracie and John Jr.*

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your Dad. He was one of my Ford and Lincoln Dealers, but he was also a mentor and became that rare find in a business relationship - friend and trusted colleague.

So many great memories came back to me today about spending time with your Dad at Pete Dye with George Benson and Frank Dellaria and others on the LMDA board; Oakmont and Nemaocolin with members of the FDAF and LMDA boards and closing down the cigar bar at Nemaocolin Woodlands as we talked the night away and solved the problems of Ford Motor Company and the Pittsburgh Region.

John - I still have one of the Opus X cigars you and your father gave me as a going away present in 2012. It is safely tucked away in a corner of my humidor but I think this weekend I will light it in honor of your Dad and my friend.

I'm sure he and George Benson and Roger Bush are all playing an "Emergency 9" today with the good Lord as their caddie.

RIP John Morris.

Sincerely and with fond memories of your Dad,

John Schuldt

John C Schuldt - May 28, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John A. Morris Sr..*



May 28, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *I will miss that infectious laugh and grin. We always had fun scaring the new hostesses. He would say I hope I don't have that mean waitress, then I would smack him with the newspaper. Thanking God you are at peace my buddy!!! Love and Hugs to all!!!!*

Neva Beichner - May 28, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ *John will forever hold a place in my heart. This man never met a stranger, and would share love with anyone. He was so kind and generous - never heard him utter a judgemental or mean word. I'm so sad that he is gone. He, for sure, made the world a better place.*

Christina Zacherl Murdock - May 28, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *I will miss my friend forever.
Thinking of all that loved John.*

Jessie R Eustice - May 28, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
John A. Morris Sr.”



May 28, 2019 at 04:49 PM