



## John Roy Medford, Jr.

May 7, 1941 - August 13, 2023

John Roy Medford, Jr passed away at the age of 82 at home surrounded by his family on August 13, 2023 from pancreatic cancer. John was born May 7, 1942 in Dover DE and was raised in Henderson MD by his parents Esther Eileen Cole Medford and John Roy Medford, Sr. He attended Henderson Elementary School and then moved on to Greensboro High School.

After high school, John worked for some local companies and at the family mill before enlisting in the United States Air Force. John served 3 years, 9 months and 11 days, not that he was counting. After basic training, John married Zetta June Weaver. They had sixty amazing years together. Air Force training took them to Syracuse University in New York for nine months, San Angelo, TX and finally survival training in Reno NV. He then finished up his time in the Air Force at Yakota Air Force Base in Japan as a Russian linguist with the 6988th Security Squadron. During his time there, he flew in and out of Vietnam and had several TDYs, serving his country and democracy.

John became a father while stationed in Japan. Daniel Brian Medford and Steven Michael Medford were born to the joy of both John and June. He thought nothing was better than those two boys of his.

John worked at NSA from 1967 until 1997. NSA sent John on TDY for two years in Alice Springs Australia between 1976-1978. While working, he also attended George Washington University and the University of Maryland, earning his bachelor's degree.

John was an avid baseball, softball and basketball player with a little soccer and volleyball thrown into the mix every now and again. After his retirement from the working world, John played softball on teams that won five Baltimore Beltway League championships, five Maryland Senior Olympic gold medals, and numerous ring championship tournaments in the ISA, ISF, ISSA, SPA, SSWC/SSUSA and SSWS organizations. Most of these championships were won with C&C Mechanical, BW Masters, Hamel, Tri County, Montgomery Seniors, Glen Burnie and the Cavaliers.

During his softball career, John was selected for all-world, all-tournament, or all-star teams in the above-named organizations. He was also named the Outstanding Defensive player in ISSA and SPA tournaments. He was elected to several Senior Softball Hall of Fame organizations over the years.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, June Medford, his sons Daniel (Annie) Medford, Steve (Adrienne) Medford, grandchildren Andrew (Elizabeth) Medford, Coral Medford, Erica Henkel, Tate Medford, and great-grandson Jude Medford. He is also survived by his sister Sally (Bill) Wright, brother Bill (Linda) Medford and numerous nieces and nephews who all love their Uncle John.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct 14, 2023 at Historic Baldwin Hall (1358 Millersville Rd., Millersville MD 21108) from 2pm until 7pm. There will be food so come hungry, come dressed casually, maybe even in a ball shirt and be sure to bring some stories with you to share about your experiences with John.

In lieu of flowers the family would suggest donations be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake at [hospicechesapeake.org](http://hospicechesapeake.org). They were absolutely wonderful to the family.

John will be truly missed. He touched so many lives over the years in so many ways. He was a good man.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Rest in peace uncle John!!

Kris Medford - October 14, 2023 at 08:10 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

The McCarthy Family - October 10, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JK

“ The following was left for me to find after Kath's death in 2008. I certainly believe that John would agree.  
Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you, whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.  
Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner.  
All is well. (Henry Scott Holland)  
Jim Kimmett

Jim Kimmett - August 31, 2023 at 01:05 PM

PB

“ John will be memorialized not only in our hearts, but also in the life of this tree.

Pam and Jim Bresnahan - August 25, 2023 at 11:05 AM

ZB

“ My heart and thoughts go out to Mrs. June and family, I hope you all heal. Sending hugs and love ☐

Zoe Benson - August 20, 2023 at 09:49 AM

LD

“ Dear June and family, We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. Our prayers and heart go out to you as you all.

Love, Kark, Marie, Elizabeth, and Diane - August 19, 2023 at 10:26 AM

AZ

“ John was an inspiration to many of the older players both locally and travel ball. I looked up to him as the epitome of a happy and very accomplished player. As a man I have met few in his class. I and our game will miss him greatly. Condolences

ANDREW ZITNAY - August 16, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KM

“ John was an avid softball player and an inspiration to his younger peers as to how we all could enjoy the game as we grew older ourselves. \r\n\r\nI wasn't a good friend but I enjoyed playing against him and appreciated his love of the game. He'll be missed. Ken Maddox

Ken Maddox - August 16, 2023 at 06:52 PM

MC

“ Our heart felt condolences to the family and many friends of John, on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Senior Softball Association, and the Glenelg team of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League. We will miss John’s competitive drive, and love for the game, but we’ll never forget him. \nMike Christ pres. AACSSA, Glenelg manager BBSSL

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**Mike Christ** - August 16, 2023 at 01:11 PM

AM

“ Dear June. I am truly saddened to hear of John’s passing. I am so sorry. John was always so helpful to me since I was the new guy on the block. He was a great man. Rest in peace John.\nAl Marotta

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**Al Marotta** - August 15, 2023 at 06:15 PM

AJ

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for John Roy Medford, Jr.** - August 15, 2023 at 11:47 AM