



## Mr John H. Stewart

May 15, 1931 - February 26, 2019

Beloved husband, father and Papa, John H Stewart left this earth on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He was surrounded by family and much love as he passed peacefully into the welcoming arms of his youngest son, Pat, leaving his broken hurting body behind.

Left on this earth is the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Janet, their daughter, Theresa (Bob), son, Mike (Lynne), and the grandchildren who made him smile daily. He was predeceased by their youngest, Patrick Shaun.

Mr. Stewart was born in St. Louis, MO on May 15, 1931. He graduated from St Louis University in 1958 after serving in the Army for two years. He began his engineering career with Bell Tel Labs as part of a technical think tank where he invented and patented a security system and helped develop the touch tone phone. After attaining a masters degree in electrical engineering, he joined McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company in St Louis in 1962. In 1967 he moved his family to Cocoa Beach and started at MDAC in Titusville where he worked in management and as program director until he retired in 1991. He worked hard and was successful but, he still managed to play a couple rounds of golf at Rockledge Country Club almost every weekend.

He loved spending time with his buddies over a cigar and lite beer. He was passionate for so many years about golf and could be found on the course most days. For several years he volunteered his time at Rockledge Country Club managing and getting the financials back in the black. During this time he earned his nick name, "The Emperor". Even at the end, when he could no longer play golf, he was out there in his golf cart following friends around offering his words of wisdom.

His grandkids lit up his life and made him so proud. He treasured driving them to school; the "Papa Express" he called it. Papa was on the soccer or lacrosse field watching them play for many years. He was quick to share his love of math, always offering help with homework or projects. He loved solving math problems and answered many online in his eldest granddaughter, Nicole's, name for years. Nicole went into engineering as well and

those early years working on math problems with her Papa were instrumental in that decision. Dad had some difficult years in school as a child. He was very quick to remind his grandchildren not to let a teacher squelch their aspirations. He knew what it was like to be told not to expect much in life and he made sure that no one in our family ever allowed those type of opinions to bring us down. His family was his EVERYTHING!

Papa enjoyed everything about his son in law, Bob's, race team. He loved wearing his NSF Racing shirts and always had fun at the races. He fit right in with the other ne'er-do-wells, a true NSF'er.

He was larger than life; a generous, honorable and loyal man who will be missed by so many.

A service will take place on Friday, 3/15 promptly at 9:00AM at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, 5525 US Hwy 1, Mims, FL.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, 3/17 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Rockledge Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Honor Flight,  
[www.SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org](http://www.SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org) or Down Syndrome Association of Brevard,  
[www.dsabrevard.org](http://www.dsabrevard.org), 125 E. Merritt Island Cswy, Suite 107, Box 361, Merritt Island, FL.  
32952.

# Events

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**MAR** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Rockledge Country Club

1591 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL, US, 32955

# Comments

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“ A kind and decent man. Rest in peace, John. Thoughts and prayers are with your family in sympathy.

**Bill Posey** - March 05 at 07:10 AM