



John O'Rourke

August 27, 1937 - January 21, 2024

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John E. O'Rourke, 86, passed away at Concordia Fox Chapel on January 21, 2024.

John was born in Ambridge, PA in 1937. After graduating from Ambridge High School, he moved to Connecticut, and shortly thereafter joined the US Marine Corps, where he served for 4-1/2 years. He was stationed in Okinawa, Hawaii, and aboard ship in Lebanon. After his tour of duty, he attended the University of Connecticut where he earned a degree in political science. He then moved to

Detroit, MI for his career in the US Customs Service. It was there that he met his wife, Peggy -- an office romance that lasted 54 years. They lived in Alexandria, VA for nearly 30 years. Much of his career was spent in Washington, DC, and his official duties took him to many wonderful places: Paris, Greece, Cyprus, Indonesia, China, Japan, El Salvador, Portugal, Austria,

Egypt, and Israel, as well as many cities in the US and Canada. John was an avid

reader, and could often be seen in his favorite chair smoking his pipe, reading a

good book. After retiring, he earned a masters degree in history from George Mason University. He was a sports fan, and enjoyed the Washington (now) Commanders football team, and attended many Washington Capitals hockey

games. He enjoyed watching the Steelers, Penguins and Pirates on TV. When Peggy also retired, they moved to Pittsburgh in 2001. John loved big dogs, and

over the years had a series of 5 dogs, three of which were rescues. They have been members of Calvary Episcopal Church since moving to Pittsburgh. He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, and his brother-in-law Joseph Savage of New Mexico. Funeral services will be held at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers please send memorial to Calvary Episcopal Church or Concordia Lutheran Ministries