



John A. Scanga

August 26, 1919 - August 2, 2017

John A. Scanga, 97, passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 2, 2017 in Fairfax, VA. Born on August 26, 1919 in Point Marion, PA, he was the youngest son of Guytano and Theresa Guida Scanga who emigrated from Italy in 1898.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 75 years Frances; his sister Mary; and brothers Fred, Benny, Julie, and Patsy.

Numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family knew John and Frances as second parents. 'Uncle John' achieved success both professional and personal in so many ways beyond his humble upbringing in the 'Little Italy' section of Point Marion., He was the second of his family to graduate from high school (Point Marion High – Class of 1936), served in the US Army Air Force, and gained a BA from Fairmont State College in 1951 in three years under the GI Bill.

John taught physics and chemistry in Springdale, Pa, and at George Mason High School in Falls Church, Va., until 1956 when he started his career in high-tech with positions with ARINC, and ERC which he helped co-found.

He lived in Fairfax VA for almost 40 years. He and the indefatigable 'Aunt Frances' retired to Bradenton, Florida in 1987 where he enjoyed golf –

shooting his age until he quit at 93, and always '150 straight down the middle'. He and Aunt Frances were Godparents for so much of the family, and attended many weddings, graduations, and other family events (likely almost 100!). Uncle John was a legend for the next generation with his quick wit and gentle personality. During his life he was a coal truck driver, a glassblower, a Eucharistic Minister, an ardent charity organizer, a song leader (in Italian), a CEO of a company on the NYSE, and an avid Redskin fan. Everyone remembers his wit including such statements as 'Why own an \$80,000 car when I live in a \$20,000 house'; and (at a long wedding) 'I know marriages that didn't last this long'.

A memorial service is planned for this fall in Fairfax, VA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Julie Dills lit a candle in memory of John A. Scanga*



Julie Dills - October 02, 2017 at 09:28 PM

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Uncle and Aunt always seemed so happy when they were here in Point Marion and I know they're together now. I can't remember Uncle Johnny ever saying anything negative. Also, he was a very handsome man all his life, and always had good advice.

I Love, Love, Love the things you shared that he said (i.e. 'Why own an \$80,000 car when I live in a \$20,000 house'; and (at a long wedding) 'I know marriages that didn't last this long'. Too funny!!!!

God Bless and keep Uncle Johnny and Aunt Francis; they will be missed!

Love, Julie

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