

John Alden Bushnell

Born July 26, 1933 in the small town of Glen Cove, New York to Richard and Emma Bushnell and sister Barbara, who all preceded him in death. He passed away with his eldest son by his side, on March 19, 2022, in his home in Leesburg, VA.

John was one of those rare men who knew how to get things done. As a young man he won scholarships and joined the U.S. Airforce to pay his way through Yale University, and the University of Melbourne. After getting his graduate degree at the University of Melbourne, he traveled most of the world before being stationed in Abilene, TX as a U.S. Air Force officer and then a professor of Economics at McMurry Texas College. Given his love for travel and ingenuity for getting things done, it was only natural for him to become a Foreign Service Officer in 1959.

From 1959 to 1992 John served in Treasury, AID, and the NSC staff as well as in State and Embassies in Latin America. He was often a leader during high-pressure situations like the 1965 Dominican Republic revolt, the Arab oil embargo, Congressional passage and implementation of the Panama Canal Treaties, the mass American suicide in Jonestown, developing and defending Reagan's plan to defeat communist supported Salvadoran guerrillas, restoring, and sustaining democracy in Argentina, arresting General Noriega, and restoring democratic governance in Panama. After retiring from the State Department, he served as the special assistant to the District Attorney of the county of New York where he continued to use his skills to help prosecute international criminals until 2008.

Prior to receiving his first assignment as a FSO John met his wife Ann, who traveled at his side across the world and bore him three boys, John, Mark, and Timothy. After retiring John's focus became his family, travel, and visiting all 400+ National Parks. He loved to share his love for travel with his eight grandchildren by taking them on international trips and to visit multiple National Parks.

John was proud to be the 12th generation of Bushnell's and often referred to his grandchildren as the 14th generation, and his 12 great-grandchildren as the 15th generation. He leaves behind a legacy for all generations of Bushnell's to look up to and emulate.

John was loved by all who met him but most of all by his large and growing family: his wife Ann; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Beth, Mark, and Timothy and Eileen, his eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kelleigh and Brian Macevicious, Tim and Leah Bushnell, Jake and Jenna Bushnell, Emma and Lloyd Marshall, Olivia and Adam White, Micaiah Bushnell, Levi Bushnell, and Lindy Bushnell, and the ever growing 15th generation of Bushnell's where his legacy will live on for generations to come.

Funeral services will be held March 31, 2022 at St Theresa's in Ashburn, VA, at 11:30 a.m. There will be open casket viewing before the service starting at 11 a.m. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. at Quantico Marine National Cemetery following the Mass

