

## John Michael Metelsky



John Michael Metelsky, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Holy Cross Hospital. He was 96. John was born on August 11, 1927, in Bristol, Connecticut. He graduated from George Washington University (BA in Journalism, 1961) and American University (MA in Communications, 1967). John worked for the Federal Government for 38 years, including serving as the press director of the US Agency for International Development (A.I.D.). John was predeceased by his parents, Sergey Metelsky and Mildred Ponda Metelsky, siblings, Helen Metelsky Rosenblatt and Milton Metelsky, and niece and nephew, Judy Lopatosky and Jan Rosenblatt. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sonia Seaton

Metelsky of Silver Spring, MD; children, Sundance Metelsky of Greenbelt, MD, and Johnny Metelsky (Denise Lacer) of North Bergen, NJ; grandchildren, Wolfgang Seaton Williams Metelsky Oehser of Laurel, MD, and Zina Xena Metelsky Oehser of Bethesda, MD; and nephew, Robert Metelsky (Shujun Ge) of Burlington, CT, along with many friends and extended family members. John was a member of the National Press Club for over 50 years. Memorial donations may be made in John Metelsky's name to the National Press Foundation, <https://nationalpress.org/donate/>.

Visitation on Friday, October 6, at 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. Funeral on Saturday, October 7, at 10 a.m. at Glenn Dale United Methodist Church followed by interment at 12:30 p.m. at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland. Details at <https://www.gaschs.com/>

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