

JOHN J. GLYNN

April 19, 1931 – November 4, 2016)
(State Deputy 1994 – 1996)



John was born on April 19th, 1931 in NYC, the youngest of 11 children only 3 of which survived childhood. His father died when he was 12 and John stayed close to his Mother. As he grew up he would work odd jobs and every Friday buy her flowers, a habit he continued with his wife.

John met his girlfriend in grade school, Patsy Bauer who would later become the love of his life. In 1949, John graduated from LaSalle High School in New York City, and in September 1951, he and Patsy were married.

John applied to become a NYC policeman like his brother and his father-in-law before him, but was drafted before entering the police academy. In October 1951 he joined the US Air Force eventually rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant working as what would later be called a computer operator.

In July of 1952, the first of John and Pat's seven children was born.

After the military, John began a career with the Department of Defense from which he retired in 1986. During that time, he worked with Univac and IBM putting together a national network of computers for defense research, one of the very first in the country.

John joined the Knights of Columbus in November of 1958 at Pius X in Forestville, Md. He quickly took an active role in the council first working in the kitchen, then serving on the council's building committee, and eventually working through the chairs and serving as Grand Knight in 1979. Subsequently, John was elected to serve in the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, working his way up to Chapter President in 1984.

Subsequently, John was elected as State Warden in 1986, rising to the office of State Deputy in 1994; where his theme was ***Come Share Your Gifts***. Among other accomplishments during his term, he put together an aggressive membership campaign and set a membership record for the State of Maryland; 3,277 new members and sixteen new councils easily winning him the Supreme Council Circle of Honor Award.

John was Irish through and through and at every meeting or function where he was called to speak; he always closed his remarks with an Irish blessing that ended; "May God bless you, and may he always hold each of you in the palm of His hand".

After retirement as State Deputy, John moved from his home in Upper Marlboro to Edgewater where he and Patsy were parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual help Catholic Church. His hobbies included woodworking, camping and spending time with his family.

John was survived by his wife of 65-years Patricia Glynn; his children John Glynn, Jr. and his wife Kathryn; Elaine Heinlein and her husband George; Thomas Glynn and his wife Suzi; Noreen Davis and her husband Joe; Anne Marie Grenaldo and her husband Paul; and William Glynn and his wife Joan; his brothers Joseph and William Glynn; grandchildren Lauren, Erin, Molly, Helen, Rose, Joseph, Maggie, Drake, Meaghan, David, Jane William, Michael; and great-grandchildren Maxwell, Nathan and Alison.