

JOHN F. DUGAN



John F. Dugan passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 17, 2024. He was 88 years old. John was the beloved husband of the late Colette Dugan for 36 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Helen Dugan. John is survived by his daughters, Jina Adams and Julie Mair (Michael); grandchildren, Gennifer, William, Amina, Max, Mei-Lin, and Mei-Ying; stepchildren Tricia Marchbanks (Scott), Christopher

Cox (Candace), and Greg Cox; step-grandchildren, Ryan (Thuy), Lyndsay (Brett), Alyssa, Austin, Alexandra; and step-great-grandchildren, Brooklynn and Logan.

John was born and raised in the Philadelphia area. He received a Bachelor of Arts (cum laude) from the University of Pennsylvania in 1956, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta and the Sphinx Senior Society, as well as Editor-in-Chief of The 1956 Record (yearbook), Sports Editor of the Daily Pennsylvanian, and a member of the Franklin Society, among other things. During college, he also served in the Army ROTC. He received a Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1960, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, the highest legal scholastic distinction, and ranked 8th in his graduating class. He was on the Moot Court Board, Honor Committee, and Vice President of Hare Law Club. While in law school, he married his first wife of 26 years, Cam Dugan. He proudly served in the United States Army Reserve from 1956 to 1966. John spent the majority of his legal career in Pittsburgh, PA, retiring from Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP in 2000, where he specialized in all facets of labor and employment law. During his career, he litigated over 100 arbitration cases in 20 states. He also served, among other distinctions, as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Committee on Antitrust, RICO, and Labor Law, as well as chairman of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Labor Law Section, and chairman of the Labor Relations Section of the Pittsburgh Personnel Association. He was repeatedly listed in the publications "Best Lawyers in America," "Who's Who in American Law," and "Who's Who in America."

John and Colette were seasoned travelers who journeyed to all seven continents and John to all 50 states. He wrote that his "most memorable experience was taking a quick swim without a wetsuit in freezing Antarctica waters." He played tennis well into his 80s and regularly won doubles tournaments in his age group. Every summer, he swam a mile at the Pittsburgh Field Club. He enjoyed hiking and built trails in the woods behind his home where he hiked with his grandchildren. He loved to watch most sports, but especially college basketball and football; every day he did the New York Times crossword and Sudoku puzzles and was an avid history buff. John was famous for his "junk box" gifts that contained anything from hotel soap, shower caps, post-it notes, emery boards, used tennis balls, and other random items he acquired (for free) on his many adventures. John was quick-witted, a beautiful writer, a loving husband and devoted family man, a great provider, a prankster, and unforgettably, a kid at heart.

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