

# JOHN CALEB BERGGREN



On June 24, 2024, John Caleb Berggren of Franklin Park, beloved husband of 47 years to Linda Berggren, unexpectedly passed away.

Survived by his daughter, Jenna (Ben) Maxson; brother of Glenn (late Mary Ellen) Berggren, Edith Berggren, Karen (Robert) Cooper, Elizabeth Ann (Arnold) Myhr and the late Timothy Berggren; loving grandpap of Claire, Caswell, Cullen and Croix.

Born September 26, 1942, John grew up in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, the oldest of Caleb and Nellie (Bruce) Berggren's six children. After graduating from Elizabeth Forward High School, John became a medical specialist in Green Berets Special Forces and later was in the Army National Guard. While stationed in Okinawa, John began his Isshin-Ryu karate training, earned a 3rd degree black belt, became a member of the Academy of Okinawan Karate and was a sensei at a dojo until its closing. John was employed for 30 years as a pipefitter and leak technician for People Gas Company at their Monongahela, Wilkesburg and Gibsonia locations.

One of John's best assets was his low key easy going personality made obvious by the number of people whom he connected with wherever he went. John thrived with physical fitness and expanded his activities to include running, weight training and TRX. Being a fan of science fiction explained his quirky sense of humor. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing trips to Canada. Retirement opened travel opportunities, more lottery ticket purchases and never turning down a cup of coffee.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 30, 2024, at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Highway from 3-7 p.m. where the service will be on July 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. followed by a military service at Mt. Royal Cemetery.

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