



John C. Bullis

July 29, 1936 - December 12, 2017

Rockport, TX- John C. Bullis of Rockport TX (Stillwater NY) passed away Dec. 12, 2017 at Houston Hospice (TX). John was born July 29, 1936 to Charles and Mary (Genovese) Bullis of Albany, NY.

After high school John traveled along the West Coast and Alaska. He then joined the Army and served during the Korean War in the Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theater under the Marshall Plan. After serving in the Army, John applied those skills acquired to civilian life, initially in surveying as far as Australia and Brazil. Later, he would become a project engineer overseeing construction of the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza (also known as the “South Mall”) which spanned the Albany neighborhood of his youth.

John’s passion for horses evolved into harness horse racing. This transition began in the early 1970’s from an impassioned race horse owner to race horse trainer. John established Jog Bye Farms as his racing stable, based in Saratoga, New York, as an owner, trainer and later a driver with regional success throughout the North East, racing at tracks between The Meadowlands (NJ) and Woodbine (Toronto) until 2001.

John is survived by his wife Vicki Lynn (Kopanski), his son Chester J. Urban (Aysha) of Houston, Texas. He is also survived by his youngest brother Michael (Evelyn), his sisters-in-law Renee Bullis (Charles), Carol Bullis (Joseph), Karen Kopanski Elk (Roy) and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his Mom and Dad, his brothers Charles, James and his sister in law Patricia (James). His brother Joseph passed shortly after John.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held July 28, 2018 at the Polish Community Center, Washington Ave Ext., Albany from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Bullis*

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“ *To Michael and Evelyn, my deepest sympathies on your loss. May God give you strength and comfort at this sad time.
BG(Ret) Joe Collorafi*

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“ *Dearest Vicki and Butch, We are so sorry for your loss. John was a very good man. He could tell a story that would keep you engaged for long periods of time. Though it has been a long time since we have seen you, we think of you often. When we pass the old farm we always wondered where you had gone. Never thinking Texas was your new adventure. You are in our hearts and we are sure John is at the table with some of the late, great horsemen in time.*



Patty and John Nazarian

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