



## John Cummings

March 24, 1945 - May 13, 2013

John Richard Cummings of Hamden, CT entered into eternal rest on May 13, 2013 at Masonicare Hospice in Wallingford, CT after a courageous year-long struggle with cancer. John was born in Waterbury, CT., Mar. 24, 1945, son of the late Dorothy (Tierney) and Francis M. Cummings. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury and Paier School (College) of Art in Hamden. He leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Mary Lou Rovelli Cummings. Loving father of Christine C. Milbank and her husband Thomas of Holladay, UT and Deborah J. Burt of Wallingford, CT. He also leaves a brother, Army Col. Francis J. Cummings (Ret.) and wife Ann of Boiling Springs, PA. Grandfather to three cherished grandchildren, Brian Burt, Nathaniel Milbank and Katherine Milbank. He is also survived by several cousins and a niece, Lisa Edwards (David) of S. Weber, UT and nephews David Cummings (Lorena) of San Antonio, TX and Kevin and Christopher Rovelli of Newtown, CT. In addition, he leaves two brothers-in-law, David L. Rovelli (Sandra) of Middletown, CT and Daniel F. Rovelli (Dr. Ana Paula Machado) of Newtown, CT. While serving in the Air Force from 1968-72 at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, MS, John managed a PT Wing and Command Operations Graphic and Photographic Support. He later returned to Conn. to complete a 5th portfolio year at Paier School of Art. He briefly taught art part-time at several local colleges. His next 39 years were spent as the Creative/Design Director-Graphic Resource Dept. at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. This included the introduction of digital graphics to

the department. In addition, he served as their official photographer, taking part in the 1995 Special Olympics World Games, Connecticut, as well as having the privilege of photographing Pope John Paul II during his 1995 U.S. Papal Visit and Mother Teresa's 1988 visit to the Supreme Council Headquarters. He was a member of many professional associations over the years. John was a kind and loving man who was blessed with patience and a good-natured disposition. His many friends included his classmates from Sacred Heart High School in his beloved city of Waterbury. His Irish wit and tales were endless. Always ready to try new things, John decided to take up golf and the guitar as his retirement drew near. His love of art and of man's creativity was ever present. But most important to him was his family, whom he loved dearly. The family would like to thank the staff of the Father Michael J. McGivney Cancer Center, St. Raphael Campus, as well as the staff of Verdi-4 West, St. Raphael's and Masonicare Hospice, Wallingford, CT. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whiney Ave. Hamden Friday at 9:30 am, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial in St. Johns Cemetery, Wallingford. Calling hours are Thursday 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to a charity of one's choice. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a very nice and kind man.

Joan Fogarty Matz - June 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To Mary Lou and Family and the Rovelli Family, So sorry for your great loss - he was a very kind man,. Always fun to chat and be with during Rovelli Family gatherings! Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Scott - May 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Dear Mary Lou and family, John was always so kind and ready to help others. We love him and will miss him dearly.

Min and Victor - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Mary Lou - I am so sorry to hear about John. He was such a kind person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in Peace John.

Lisa Gagliardi - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mary Lou and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. John was one of the nicest people I have ever met at KofC. He will be greatly missed.

Kim Sandmann - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.*

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**James Savastano** - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *With the souls of the righteous, give rest, O Lord, to the soul of Your servant, John, and, knowing his many years of devoted service to Your Church and its people, lead him to a place of light, a place of green pastures, a place of repose, where there is neither sorrow nor sighing, but only life everlasting. Forgive him all his sins of word or deed, for You are all merciful and love mankind, and unto to You are due all glory, honor, and worship, together with your Father and Your all-Holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. May his memory be eternal!*

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**Neil Foley** - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Marylou and family...I am out on medical leave, so sorry that I cannot attend the services...you are all in my prayers. john was very special..sir knight andy calabrese*

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**andy calabrese** - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Marylou and family - you and John are in my prayers! He will truly be missed!*

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**Anne Ramsey** - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Rest in Peace Dad we love you and miss you. You will always have a place in our hearts.*

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**Debbie Burt** - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Marylou and family, I'm sorry to hear about John. He was a nice person. I worked with John at the Knights.*

Maggie Batick - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Lou and family sorry for your loss. Carmen J Reyes*

May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Lou and family, So sorry to learn of John,s passing. Our prayers are with him. Sincerely, Jay McManus*

May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *To Mary Lou and family -- my deepest sympathy. John will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Besides a wonderful supervisor, John was so much more -- a close friend and confidant who was always there whenever I needed him. We often reflected on our time spent in the AF working in the same specialty and how our lives shared career footprints, similarities, and paths. John was just a wonderful person and dear fiend. I will miss him dearly.*

Rich - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Mary Lou, So sorry to read of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely Dr. Seidner and Staff*

Dr - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM