

John Charles Goldinger

June 22, 1937 - April 7, 2020

John Charles Goldinger, age 82, entered into rest April 7, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. John was born in Cleveland, OH and moved to Tallahassee in 1959. He retired after 34 years from Florida State University as Assistant Personnel Director. He retired as a Colonel in the Army-Florida National Guard with 35 years of service. His involvement in the community included the Tallahassee Lions Club, Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee Town Club and he was a Master USA Track & Field Certified Official for 44 years receiving the State of Florida Ronald L. Book Distinguished Service Award (2020).

Survivors include his wife of 58 years Patricia Goldinger; two daughters Carol Goldinger Ford (Michael) of Jonesborough, TN, Jennifer Goldinger Starling (Scott) of Bristol, TN; two grandchildren Connor Ford and Kenzie Starling; one sister Jean Champoux of Westerville, OH. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2020 at Bevis Funeral Home, family will receive friends following the service. Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Tallahassee National Cemetery. Please visit www.bevisfh.com to leave a remembrance for the family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Tallahassee Lions Club or the Tallahassee Museum. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Visitation

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Graveside

JUN **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Charles Goldinger*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 29, 2020 at 09:28 AM

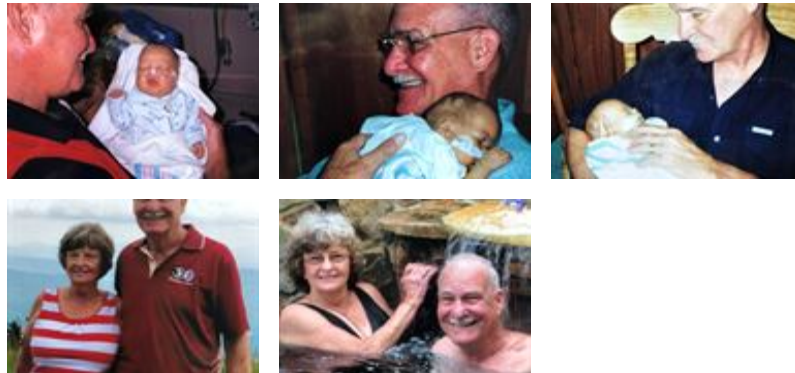


“ *A couple of years ago, I was able to meet with Trish after many, many years. She had been one of the first girls I met when my family came to S. Florida in 1947. When I met John it was fun to learn he was from the same area of Ohio and finally, someone who knew where and what I was remembering. I met a very kind and loving man who gave my husband and me a tour of FSU that never came with my son's days there. If only I'd known they were there. I'm so happy that we had the opportunity to meet John and relive some of our "girls" history with Greta Reed. Take care. Love as always "Bertie", Roberta Dickinson Rose.*

Roberta Rose - September 09, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bevis Funeral Home - June 29, 2020 at 08:39 AM

RB

Pat. Can you please send us your address and phone number? We totaled our van April 1, 2020 and George was in the hospital several days with a shattered Sternum. I got Carpal tunnel on both wrist and tennis elbow so we must have missed his obituary. We are so sorry for your loss. Look forward to talking to you. Prayers. Roberta and George

Roberta Boyer - December 12, 2021 at 07:43 PM

GR

“ *I only met John a few years ago when I moved to Tallahassee, though his wife Trish and I have known each other since we were eight-years-old in Miami. I was delighted finally to meet and get to know him a bit. He was a gentleman's gentleman. He did not wear his heart on his sleeve, but showed by his actions the love he had for his family, and especially his wife of so many years, my friend Trish. I was honored to be his friend for the short years he had left in his life. May he rest in peace, and may his family find comfort in the love he shared.*

Greta Reed - June 28, 2020 at 01:07 PM

PC

“ So glad I will be able to honor his life with my mother on Monday. What a great Patriot, and community involved citizen. He has passed but others will take his place in keeping America the great country we are.

Pete Champoux - June 27, 2020 at 05:42 PM

JC

“ Uncle John was the epitome of an officer and a gentleman who loved and lived life to the full. One fond memory is from our wedding in Colorado when he appeared as a larger-than-life character as he cut the rug at our wedding reception and went skiing with his family. From our point of view, he seemed like a gem of a man, a great husband, and father. Uncle John was an exceptionally positive person with boundless energy. We will miss so many of his qualities. We are so very grateful for both Uncle John and Aunt Trish taking such good care of our daughter and her husband while they lived in Tallahassee. Family love at its finest!

Jacki Campagna - April 30, 2020 at 04:55 PM

TP

“ Our sincere condolences to Aunt Trish and the rest of the family during this difficult time. Uncle John fought a long fight but was noble in his efforts to beat the odds! He will be missed by many. May he now rest in peace knowing he had a very full life. Love, Wendi and Todd (sister Gretchen's son) Peterson

Todd Peterson - April 23, 2020 at 06:03 PM

RQ

“ So sad to hear of John's passing, he and Trish will be missed in our Florida neighborhood at Cape San Blas. We first meant John and Trish 20 years ago when constructing our small home in this part of Paradise. The were always welcoming and very happy people to share this space, Please know that our prayers are with you Trish and your family at this time.

Ron & Phyllis Quakenbush

Ron & Phyllis Quakenbush - April 21, 2020 at 02:11 PM

PJ

“ Jennifer you and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please do not hesitate to ask. You look so much like your Dad.

Love, Brian and Paula Johnson



Paula Johnson - April 20, 2020 at 05:36 PM

DH

COL(R) John Goldinger was instrumental by helping me throughout my career. He was patient and shared his experience with this 2Lt- LTC while most of my career was in Tallahassee. I really enjoyed seeing him at the Brigade reunion! My best wishes to Trish and the family!!

Donna Hicks - June 23, 2020 at 11:21 PM

JA

“ When I think of John, the word that comes to mind is ‘mensch’... my favorite accolade... a real human being, great of heart, nothing small-spirited in his makeup. Whenever John and Trish visited my home on Cape San Blas, my golden doodle Calypso would insist on sitting next to him. Dogs know! And John would laugh and accept her loving attention.

My deepest sympathies to the family in this loss.

Jane Atkins

jane atkins - April 20, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MR

“ Mere words will never express the sorrow we feel at John’s passing. He was the best brother in law ever, and he was a tremendous role model for our family. His unconditional and constant love for his wife, Trish, was evident for all to see. His devotion to his daughters, sons in law, and grandchildren was boundless. He cared deeply for his friends and would go to great lengths to help them when help was needed or just spend time with them whenever possible. His pride in the Tallahassee community was demonstrated in his many service projects that he participated and delighted in doing.

We will miss his laughter and smiles, his good advice on many subjects, his dancing, and his avid enthusiasm for everything relating to FSU. Above all, we will miss his signature departing words, “Love you, Dear.” Love you too, John, and thank you for sharing life with us. Your legacy will live for many years to come.

*Martha and Jim Rogers
Atlanta, Georgia*

martha rogers - April 16, 2020 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ John was a good friend who was always willing to try anything and usually did. He was always "up" to go antiquing, look at old cars or go to the flower shops without complaint as matter of fact I never heard John complain about anything. He was my Battalion Commander and mentor while serving in the Florida Army National Guard and his thoughtfulness and kindness was the mark of a great soldier and a great any wonderful friend. Trish and their two daughters were always polite, kind and beautiful to Patty and I and know that they were loved by a one of a kind gentle man, John Goldinger. God bless John, Trish, Carol and Ginny.

"May you find comfort in your memories and in the warm sympathy that goes out to you today"

Daniel & Patricia Bradt

Brigadier General, (R), srl

Daniel Bradt - April 15, 2020 at 03:24 PM

PC

“ *John C. Goldinger was my only brother. We were raised by very loving parents; joined by sister Gretchen in the very serious times of emerging Depression, and influenced by WWII.*

We grew up on eight acres of land , carefree, as our Dad remodeled an old farmhouse while we lived there. One summer a surprise rain caught our kitchen without a roof cover, and it rained into our kitchen as his birthday cake baked in the gas stove. John's favorite times were going barefoot, and he took his shoes off as he came home the last day of every school year. We suffered through the real diseases of mumps, chicken pox, and he had such a severe case of whooping cough that one of his malnourished feet needed correction.

John was a wonderful brother, husband, father and friend to all. His service to his community, friends and causes is a noble example of the brotherly love he showed to all. His fight to defeat the cancer was one of determination for such a long time. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. See you later, Brother John.

P.Jean Goldinger Champoux - April 13, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TN

“ We were next door neighbors to John, Trish and their two daughters Carol and Ginny for over 26 wonderful years at Town & Country Neighborhood., What great neighbors they all were. John was always very helpful to me and all of our neighbors. John especially, helped me in finishing my fishing boat of his suggestions to make ready. He helped us in chartering our Bus trip every other year to Gainesville for the Gator & Seminole football game. He & I had a Bar-B-Q cooking chicken contest many times, and his results were always better than mine.

John Goldinger has always been a wonderful sincere and dedicated friend of mine for all the years I known him. His friendship was special, loyal and always had a smile when you saw him.

Trish, Carol and Ginny, we all will miss your Dad, and I want you to know, he was a great friend. May he rest in Peace and God Bless you all.

Tom & Juanita Napier

Tom Napier - April 12, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JJ

“ I first met John and Pat as neighbors in the Town and Country neighborhood. Many years later we reconnected in Section 7 of Dick Howser Stadium. John and Pat were the same sweet, loving and friendly couple they always were. I will miss seeing him when baseball starts again.

Jan James - April 11, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JP

“ Condolences to Patricia and the family. John was an unique individual with a wide range of interests. My memories are mainly military, but I knew how much he loved FSU and its track program. I was his XO when he commanded the 146th and appreciated the fresh air and attitude he brought to the unit. If I remember correctly, he designed the intersection at Camp Blanding where Avenue D meets the Museum drive during his time there. My lasting memory of him is Reforger 92 (I think the last one) as he ensured that his party of Glen Sutphin, the late Jimmy Nelms and me stayed on the straight and narrow both in our billet and on the road.

COL (R) John and Anna Porter

John Porter - April 11, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JG

“ John was a very caring and knowledgeable person about any subject area. He was a Commander when he started talking everyone listen. Col Goldinger was pleasure to be around., at all times. I am surely going to miss his smiling and joyful face. he was a great leader.



JEROME DILWORTH

JEROME DILWORTH, CW, FL ARMY NATIONAL GU - April 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM

LC

“ I knew John thur the FL Nat'l Guard and FSU Baseball. As the years went by I continued to call John COL because that's who he was. He was an exemplary soldier, a great human being and an inspiration to all who faces similar challenges. I cannot recall seeing COL. Goldinger without a positive attitude or a smile on his face. I will miss seeing and chatting with the COL at baseball games.

Larry Clayton

Larry Clayton - April 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

SF

“ John will be missed by many I served with him and we became good friends. Had seats close together at DOAK and saw many games good and bad. We will always remember that great smile he always had.

sam ferguson - April 11, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DH

“ Major-Col John Goldinger was a willing help in my National Guard career for the many years I served in Tallahassee! I will appreciate his friendly personality and helpful guidance forever!
LTC (R) Donna Hicks

Donna Hicks - April 11, 2020 at 08:53 AM

CG

“ Colonel Goldinger was one of the finest people I had the pleasure of knowing during my 27 years for the Florida National Guard. I always looked up to him as he always lead the way and help others all his life to even do their very best. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult times. God bless John Goldinger and his family

Charles Godwin - April 11, 2020 at 08:03 AM

SM

“ I got to know John when I was assigned to Troop Command in the early 90's. He was a good and fair man and I enjoyed working with him. I didn't realize that we were both driving a long way to drill. (I lived in Chipley.). When I first was invited to a Bashi Ba Zooks fishing trip, I was delighted to discover that John was a member. We fished together several times over the years. We will all miss him.
Steve Mason, 38 Pleasant Mountain Dr. #222, Sky Valley, Ga. 30537

Steve Mason - April 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. John's passing. He was a very good man. I enjoyed visiting with him. Praying for your family during this difficult time. Carl Connell and Lynn Koon.

Lynn koon - April 10, 2020 at 05:57 PM

WB

“ Our nation is in mourning, for we have lost a soldier. John Goldinger was an outstanding soldier, patriot and friend. We served together in the National Guard for over 20 years, and some of my fondest memories of soldiering were with John. Thanks to Pat and his family for sharing him with us. It is a sad time now, but there are millions of fond memories to help you through. God Bless you.

Woody Barnes

Woody Barnes - April 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ COL Goldinger was an excellent commander. I worked for him for a time in the National Guard. I could always tell that he was very mission oriented yet also very concerned with the welfare of his troops, and he took a personal interest in us. He was a good man. I will miss John and my sincere condolences go out to all his family and friends. -

Thomas Brooks (Tom), LTC USA(Ret).

Tom Brooks - April 10, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Trish and family, received information about my friend and the man who gave me a chance to work for and make a career working for the Florida National Guard. I want y'all to know that I always maintained total respect and appreciation for him. I am sorry for your loss. Y'all are now and have been in my prayers for a long time. Even when he was down and not feeling good he was positive and continued to go forward. I will never forget the many good times we had together. I could say a lot more but I will leave it as God bless. Rest In Peace COL.

Jerry Horne - April 10, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ I met and worked with John through the 2nd Tuesday I'm Guard Luncheons at the Tallahassee Army Reserve Armory. Although we worked together for maybe one year, it was a joy working with him. A real gentlemen. Rest in Peace my comrade brother and Thank You for your service to the Army.

- Ed Rodriguez, USAF Retired

Ed Rodriguez - April 10, 2020 at 03:33 PM

ER

Ol' Guard..

Ed Rodriguez - April 10, 2020 at 03:34 PM

BM

So many fond memories of our time working together at fsu

brenda mrisburg - April 12, 2020 at 12:46 PM

SM

My sincere condolences to Pat and the family. I recruited John to work with me in Personnel at FSU, stealing him away from the Chemistry Department where the administration immediately felt the loss! John was always optimistic about all things around him and his life's work is a product of that optimism. Even though I haven't seen John in several years, I can still hear his laugh and remember how great it was to be in his presence. The memories will be with me forever. RIP, John.

Shirley M Meckley - April 12, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DA

“ *I met John and Pat through the Town and Country Home Owner's Association. John was such a friendly, outgoing person and full of energy. Greatly enjoyed knowing him and working on neighborhood projects together. Very sorry to see this loss.*

Dale Adams

Dale Adams - April 08, 2020 at 10:37 PM