



John Charles Calgie

October 23, 1946 - August 16, 2020

Lifelong Toledo resident, John C. Calgie, 73, gave his final salute, August 16, 2020, in his home surrounded by family.

John, fondly known as papa or red eye papa, was born October 23, 1946 to John and Evelyn Calgie.

He proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Charles S. Sperry destroyer in the Vietnam War. While in the Navy, he became a skilled and gifted electrician and later started his own company, Calgie Electric. Starting with a single truck and eventually growing into his own shop, John never missed a day of work and bestowed that work ethic upon his children. John was the self-proclaimed and would often answer his phone as “the world’s greatest electrician”!

John was a Civil War historian who disliked being called a Civil War buff. At any chance, invited or not, he would bestow his Civil War knowledge on anyone who would bend an ear.

He will be remembered as a kind, generous man with a fierce love for his family. He was often referred to as a “character” and wore that badge proudly on his “uniform” consisting of jeans, suspenders, and that beloved hat.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Emily “Jo” Calgie. After 49 years of marriage, he still lovingly served her morning coffee. Together they enjoyed taking rides in the car, dining out for lunch, traveling, and spending time with their grandchildren. John is also survived by sons John “JJ” Calgie , and Jude Calgie; daughters Johanna (David) Brancati and Jacqueline (Jim) Chandler;

brother Jim (Darlene) Calgie; sister Judy Calgie; and grandchildren Megan, Molly, Makayla, Jack, Cole, Josie and Jase and all family and friends to whom he touched over 73 years.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Calgie, father, John Calgie and nephew Eric Rasmussen.

Family will be receiving guests on Sunday, August 23 from 2-7 p.m. at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1170 S. Reynolds Rd. A private funeral will be held on Monday, August 24. Masks and social distancing are requested.

Private interment at a later will be at Resurrection Cemetery, with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, family is requesting donations to Saint Jude Hospital or Tunnels2Towers charities, two of his favorites. Please view John's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Papa...We salute you...Rest in Peace.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

EL

“ I did not know you but, researching your ancestors and reading your obit makes me wish that I did. Thank you for your service. R.I.P. John, from a very distant relative and family historian in Paisley, Scotland



Elizabeth Livsey - May 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

JC

Hi Elizabeth,
Thank you for your comments on here! My dad was an AMAZING person and he would have loved to hear from you! Someday, we hope to make it to Paisley, Scotland to see where our roots originated. -
Johanna Calgie (John's daughter)

Johanna Calgie - November 29, 2023 at 10:51 AM

TW

“ John will always be remembered as a passionate person. He loved his family, friends and the work he performed for others. I was fortunate to know John Calgie, a true gentleman.

Tim Whetstone - August 25, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DF

I'm just sitting here reminiscing about my old Navy days and decided to do a search for some names that I remember from a long time ago. The second name which came to mind was Calgie. I remember him well from my first ship, the USS Charles S. Sperry. I served in the Navy from 1968 to 1972 and the Sperry was my first ship.

I am sitting here just devastated that my Google search led me to this obituary.....and when I saw the picture, I knew it was the Calgie that I remembered.

I was a young, nervous 19 year old fresh out of boot camp. Calgie was older and already an established member of the 2nd Division gang of FT's (Fire Control Technicians). He was always quick to remind me that he was a "short timer" with only a little time left before his discharge and I, on the other hand, had too much time to even count! Quite a bit of good natured ribbing.


Calgie was always smiling, always upbeat, and very much the master of the gun control systems he was responsible for. I remember one time the Captain called him personally about getting the radar up and running....he got it done. I looked up to Calgie.

I doubt very seriously if he would have even remembered me some 50 plus years later, but I definitely remember this sailor who was bigger than life to me.

I just can't believe it.....this hurts.

To the family....I am so glad I got to serve along side this fine man. I haven't forgotten him and don't think I ever will.

Daniel T. Frey - September 12, 2020 at 10:08 PM

 Johanna Calgie-

I'm sure if I could ask him he would have remembered you! We spoke often about his time in the navy, especially before his death. He actually told me the story about the Captain calling him.

Thank you for the sweet memory of our father!

Johanna (Calgie) Brancati (Johns Daughter)

Johanna Calgie-Brancati - October 04, 2020 at 09:09 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss, I will miss all of Mr. Calgie's stories, along with that infamous hat.*

I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Cindy from Anthony Wayne Animal Hospital

Cindy Siler - August 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM

JR

“ I was sorry to hear of Johns passing and extend my condolences to his family. John and I worked for the electrical department at The Andersons. We enjoyed scuba diving together in the local quarries.

Jim Richter

Jim Richter - August 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AR

“ So sorry to here of John's passing.
Arnold Braatz

Arniebraatz - August 23, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DV

“ JJ and family so sorry to hear of Johns passing.
He was the best and he will missed by all. Kent



denise vollmar - August 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ To Jackie and JJ I wish to extend my condolences to you both and to all the Calgie family. Your father was a special caring man with great vision for his business. He truly cared about people. I was blest to have met him while working at PNC Bank. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Daniel Meyer - August 23, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JR

“ To the Calgie Family my deepest sympathies on your loss May the good Lord give you all peace Gods love sincerely Jim De Raedt

Jim De Raedt - August 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Charles Calgie.



August 22, 2020 at 12:24 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 22, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of John Charles Calgie.



August 22, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ I an so sorry to learn of John's passing. I had many great conversations with John over the years on history and current events. God bless thefamily at this difficult time.

Jerry Bridgman - August 21, 2020 at 01:27 PM

DF

“ Danny ,Karen Piotrowski and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Charles Calgie.



Danny ,Karen Piotrowski and Family - August 21, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ J.J. and Family, So sorry to hear about John's passing. He was one of the good ones. Jeff Boggs

jeffery boggs - August 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM

YE

“ Your family at McNaughton-McKay Electric purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Charles Calgie.



Your family at McNaughton-McKay Electric - August 20, 2020 at 10:01 AM

RP

“ Sorry for your loss, may John Rest In Peace!

Rich Poll - August 20, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of John Charles Calgie.



August 19, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of John Charles Calgie.



August 19, 2020 at 01:58 PM