



John Drexell Gregory

January 16, 2017

John Drexell Gregory left us suddenly and all too soon on the morning of January 14, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara (Hills) Gregory, daughters, Kathy Schwartz and husband Jim of Ridgewood, NJ, Kelly Shumate and husband Alan of Midlothian VA, his son Brian Gregory and wife Randi of Midlothian, VA, five beautiful and loving granddaughters, Kaitlyn, Kiera, & Megan Schwartz, Peyton & Noah Shumate, and his companion and best friend Duffer.

His was a life of love and achievement beginning in Jersey City on August 4th, 1947. He graduated Ridgefield Park, NJ before matriculating to Fairleigh Dickinson University. After completing his undergraduate degree, he studied for and received his Master's Degree from John Jay College. With an ever-present sense of duty, John was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army before achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant. After the army, John worked for NYPD's Dept. of Investigation before serving his country yet again in the Secret Service for 24 years in several capacities including the Joint Terrorist Task Force, Counterfeit Squad, Special Agent for White House Access, & Inspector. John was part of the rescue efforts after the World Trade Center bombing in 1993. After serving as the VP of Security for Master Card International, John was again called into service to head up the Federal Air Marshalls for Newark International Airport. John was also a servant to the communities he lived in as an officer for the Special Police Force in Haworth, NJ and as a Volunteer Firefighter for the St. James Fire

Department. Besides his wife and family, John had three other well-known loves in his life; golf, dogs, & the NY Yankees.

John Gregory was the patriarch of his family and all looked to him as a beacon of wisdom and few made critical decisions in their lives without first consulting him. Called home to God, he leaves behind a great many that will miss him dearly, but also take some comfort in that they have been bestowed a great blessing to have had their lives intertwine with such an inspirational, beloved, and truly great man.

Family and Friends are welcome to visit on Friday from 4-8pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell.

Funeral service will be on Saturday 9am from the funeral home followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church, Haworth.

Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the NJ Sharing Network, www.njsharingnetwork.org and/or The Association of former Agents of the United States Secret Service. The Association of former Agents of the United States Secret Service, www.oldstar.org.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-1088
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart RCC
102 Park St.
Haworth, NJ 07641

Tribute Wall



“ *John Drexell Gregory*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *John Drexell Gregory*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *John Drexell Gregory*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *I had the honor of serving with John in the Newark Field Office early in my career. He was indeed one of the greatest guys I ever met in the USSS. Years after having gone in our separate directions, I happened to be in the old Yankee Stadium for a game and by chance John and I spotted each other as the crowd was emptying out. It was reunion that I remember to this day, with a great mutual hug and well wishes. I just learned today of John's passing and am deeply saddened by the news. He was a dear friend and will be missed by his Secret Service alums. May God bless his family.*
Lee Aivazis (USSS-Retired)

Lee Aivazis - March 21, 2017 at 02:48 PM

DO

“ Drex, one of the finest, classiest, loving individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with and calling my friend. Drex helped me and many other young Secret Service agents navigate our professional and moral compasses. Barb, my sincere condolences, he was a true friend and inspiration.

David J. O'Connor

David J. O'Connor - January 20, 2017 at 10:57 AM

TF

“ Tom & Jane Farrell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



Tom & Jane Farrell - January 20, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



January 20, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



January 19, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



January 19, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



January 19, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ John and Rosemarie Graig and Family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



John and Rosemarie Graig and Family. - January 19, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



January 18, 2017 at 06:09 PM

SK

“ Sincerely, Hedy & Bill Kern purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of John Drexell Gregory.



Sincerely, Hedy & Bill Kern - January 18, 2017 at 08:34 AM

AD

“ John and Barbara have always been special to us. My daughters had John as their softball coach. He was so great with the kids. Barbara was always available last minute to pick up my daughters for practice or events while I was working in New York City. We missed seeing them when they moved south, but knew they would be back in Haworth around the holidays. Peace, love Ann and Jim Dunlop

Ann Dunlop - January 18, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. John was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed.

Vin, Christine and Madison Patalano

Christine Patalano - January 17, 2017 at 06:56 PM

TC

“ John was truly one of the "Good Guys" in the USSS. The agents that worked with him and the FAMs that worked for him all benefited from that experience

Our prayers and thoughts are with him

tc

tim cahill - January 17, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Drexell Gregory.*



January 17, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Bob and Sheila Kutik purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Drexell Gregory.*



Bob and Sheila Kutik - January 17, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Mike and Peggy Robertson and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Drexell Gregory.*



Mike and Peggy Robertson and family - January 17, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Doug, Pat, Chad, and Jeremy Ferry purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Drexell Gregory.*



Doug, Pat, Chad, and Jeremy Ferry - January 16, 2017 at 07:05 PM