



Mr. John Thomas Marlar Jr.

September 24, 1939 - April 9, 2021

Mr. John Thomas Marlar, Jr., age 81, of Winder, Georgia passed away April 9, 2021. A native of Jackson, Alabama, he was born September 24, 1939 to the late John Thomas, Sr. and Ada Jean Hamilton Marlar. He had resided in Winder for the past thirty years and was preceded by his wife, Joyce Ann Smallwood Marlar in 1997. Mr. Marlar was a member of The Corvette Club and his hobbies included woodworking, gardening and painting. He was a retiree of the Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as an engineer in water pollution control.

Surviving are children, John Thomas (Bibiana) Marlar, III, of Marietta, Georgia, Jeannine (Paul) van der Linden of the Netherlands, Jennifer Downen of Tucker, Georgia, Preston (Linda) Moon and Regina Moon Etheridge all of Winder, Georgia, Sister, Nancy Cummings of Daphne, Alabama, grandchildren, Dylan Marlar, Douwe van der Linden, Daan van der Linden, Ashley Downen, Alex Downen, Brooke Patterson, Michael Etheridge, Jesse Etheridge and Jake Etheridge and three great grandchildren.

The Family will receive friends Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 5:00 P. M. until 9:00 P. M. at the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11:00 A. M. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 25 Wilkins Road, Winder, Georgia 30680. Entombment will follow at The Chapel Mausoleum of Barrow Memorial Gardens.

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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Carter Funeral Home

265 Highway 211 NW PO Box 934, Winder, GA, US, 30680

APR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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St. Matthew's Catholic Church

25 Wilkins Road, Winder, GA, US, 30680

APR **Entombment**

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Chapel Mausoleum of Barrow Memorial Gardens

793 Atlanta Highway, S. E., Winder, GA, US, 30680

Comments



“ John was one of the dearest people I have known. He was a great mentor to me at EPA and I will always treasure his friendship and guidance. Rest In Peace, John.

Rosemary Patton - April 14 at 01:33 PM



“ I didn't have the opportunity to work closely with John. But his reputation as an outstanding scientist was well known. He made a lasting contribution to restoring and protecting southeastern waters, and garnered an international reputation for his work in the Ukraine. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

Jim Giattina - April 12 at 06:37 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to John's family and friends. I greatly enjoyed the opportunities I had to work with John. His intelligence, insight and humor were always outstanding. He is missed. God's blessings to his family and friends.

Forrest Westall - April 12 at 05:04 PM



“ So proud to call John brother in law. The love he showed Joyce truly made me happy. A good man indeed. Rest high on that mountain.

Karen Roberts - April 12 at 04:24 PM



“ John was a mentor, colleague, and most of all a friend. John was directly responsible for me being hire by EPA, just before the 1980 federal hiring freeze and mentored me throughout my EPA career, as he did with countless others. John’s EPA accomplishment are many and others have mentioned a few. But what I remember most is the 10 plus years we spent assisting the water quality specialist in Belarus and then in Ukraine. John’s work hard, play hard and get the job done attitude was a perfect fit with the Ukrainian specialist as we worked jointly with them on the Kiev Reservoir, Dnipro River and Black Sea projects. Too many stories to tell in this space but I know that all the Ukrainians that worked with John, will remember John as a great colleague and friend and will grieve his loss, as will I.

Jim Greenfield

Jim Greenfield - April 12 at 04:11 PM



“ John Marlar was an institution when I joined the Agency. His vast expertise was well recognized by others but, more importantly, his willingness to share his knowledge and the way he always paid attention and made us "newbies" feel like we were part of the action is what I recall the most. As the saying goes, you may forget what others did for you but you will always remember how they made you feel. Wishing comfort to his family during this time. May he rest in peace!

Gracy Danois - April 12 at 04:07 PM



“ I remember John as one of the most knowledgeable people on water quality issues that I ever met during my career at EPA. He was always a good listener, and willing to spend the time to explain whatever issue he was being asked about. He was one of those few people who seemed to have experience in finding solutions to almost any problem being faced. And he willingly provided career advice to me and countless others during his many decades with EPA. I consider myself truly fortunate to have worked with John over the years, including in Ukraine several times. He had the respect and admiration of everyone he worked with and he will truly be missed.

Alan Farmer

Alan Farmer - April 12 at 02:30 PM



“ John was one of the stars of the U.S. EPA assistance program on water quality to Ukraine in the pivotal 1990s. Along with his ORD and Region 4 colleagues, he brought a high degree of professionalism, modest strength, great warmth, and true friendship leading to a legendary partnership with their Ukrainian counterparts; the benefits of which are felt even today. I captured a few vignettes and photos in my book "From the Bronx to Berlin and Beyond" which was published last year. Attached is a photo from the book and another picturing John, Jim Greenfield, and three of their closest Ukrainian colleagues who came on a study tour to Georgia in May 1995. John will be greatly missed.
Ron Hoffer, Washington DC



Ron Hoffer - April 12 at 12:05 PM



“ John Marlar was a legend at EPA Region 4. His technical skills were incredible, and only over-shadowed by his personal skills. He was thoughtful, kind, patient, fair, and always had time to help EPA staffers with almost any matter you can imagine. He was a mentor to me, and taught me much of what I learned about water quality and how to treat and respect people. We had such great adventures like holding NPDES hearings until 3:00 in the morning, promulgating water quality standards in Alabama, dealing with the press on many hot issues like dioxin, Atlanta CSO's, etc. We became great friends, and spent time together camping, fishing, car shows, and just getting together and talking about life. I will miss him.

Mike McGhee - April 12 at 11:47 AM



“ I had the opportunity to work with John for several years when i worked in Athens in the water quality programs. During those years I learned of John's vast knowledge and experience in the early years of EPA in shaping the Region's environmental protection program polices and water regulatory programs. He was also very influential in the development of our national water protection program policy. He was a great asset and leader to the Region and had a very distinguished career with the agency. As others have already noted, John was always easy to approach and provide assistance when i had technical questions on work matters. John was a great mentor to several employees at EPA and was highly respected by his peers. But some of my fondest memories of John were the times we talked about working on and building old cars. He loved talking about those adventures of the past and of course working on his "vettes".
He will truly be missed and he left a great legacy.

Archie Lee

archie lee - April 12 at 11:43 AM



“ I never met John in person, but we worked together through email and over the phone at EPA early in my career. John helped me review reports and was kind and patient as he explained and taught me things I probably should have already known. He never spoke down to me or made me feel inadequate, which I always appreciated. Wishing peace and healing to his family during this time. May his memory be a blessing.

Amy Feingold - April 12 at 08:47 AM



“ I worked with John at EPA during the start up days of the new agency. John's work in water quality did truly set the "standards" to improve waters throughout the Southeast, and later on in the Ukraine where he and a team of "stars" helped the country start its programs. How many people can say they created environmental protection programs in two countries! After he "came back" to the Region as a SEE in a program I administered, I enjoyed listening to his realistic assessment and sense of humor about the Region as we grew older as an agency and as people. Rest in God's peace now for many tasks "well done."

Matt Robbins - April 11 at 02:21 PM