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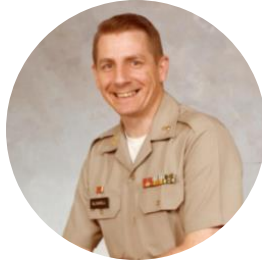
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John Vernon Blondell, a retired Army major and veteran, died on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, at Holy Cross Germantown Hospital.

John was born to Vernon Jerome and Helen Elizabeth (Martin) Blondell on June 29, 1937, in Baltimore, MD.

Before entering the Army, he graduated in 1959 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the ROTC program with a BS in Chemical Engineering. While at VPI, he was a member of the Swimming and Diving team and competed in the NCAA Southern Conference in 1-Meter and 3-Meter Diving.

Initially commissioned into active-duty civil service in 1959, he was assigned to Fort Belvoir, VA in the US Army Engineering, Research and Development Labs. In 1962, he was commissioned into the regular Army as a 1st Lieutenant assigned to Army Ordnance Missile Command in Redstone Arsenal, AL where he earned the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

During the Vietnam war, Major Blondell served as Company Commander of the 632D Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, earning him the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces.

In 1975, he served as Senior Logistics Liaison Officer in Korat, Thailand for the US Military Assistance Command earning the Joint Service Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

Upon his retirement in 1980, he was awarded The Legion of Merit by the President of the U.S. for exceptionally meritorious service during his 21-year career in the military.

He finished his civilian career at Mitre Corporation working in Operations Research.



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A loving father and husband, he is survived by his wife, Rose, 3 daughters: Heather B. Shanton, Erin P. Murphy, Cari E. Presley, and their spouses, 2 stepdaughters; Susan Weiner and Kristen Kenedy, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, 2 brothers, sister-in-law, cousins and many nieces and nephews. John was an avid reader, historian, and stock investor. He was also a devoted treasurer, advisor, and Deacon of his church for many years. He was loved for his dry sense of humor and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services for the 86-year-old resident of Kensington, Maryland will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the Church of the Atonement on 10613 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, Maryland at 2 p.m. Flowers or donations may be sent to the Church of the Atonement.



Events


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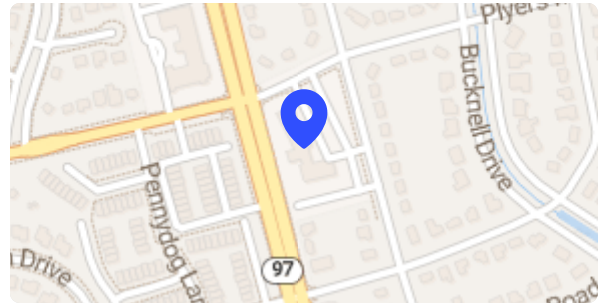
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 2:00 PM ET

 **Church of the Atonement**
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Tribute Wall

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Love, Your Book Club Friends sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Blondell family.

March 10 at 12:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Blondell family.

March 8 at 7:44 AM



William R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

March 8 at 7:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Blondell family.

March 1 at 4:53 AM



Beverley Blondell posted:

John was my dear brother-in-law, the elder brother of my husband Jim. He has been a big part of my life for more than 55 years and I will miss him very much. I owe him big time for saving Jim's life when he was bitten by a rabid cat about 70 years ago! He was a wonderful member of our family and a superb uncle. I hope he will rest in peace forever. Beverley Blondell

February 25 at 4:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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