



## John L. Finger

September 21, 2019

John L. Finger went to meet his Lord (He Hopes) and Savior and his beautiful and loving wife, Pauline Wren Scott Finger.

John was born and raised in Lancaster, Pa. to the late John Constantine Finger and Ada Lefever Finger. John is the last of his immediate family.

He was preceded in death by his three sisters, Ethel Martin (Harold), Blanch Shuman (Amos), Catherine Tretter (Joseph), and his son, Robert Roy Finger and his brother Robert L Finger.

He is survived by two wonderful children, John DeWitt Finger, (Retired in Arizona), Cassie Irene Burns (Keith), Las Vegas NV, his daughter in law, Denise Finger, retired, Lancaster PA. Along with 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

John attended J.P. McCaskey High School and he later obtained his G.E.D. With his parents' permission, John lied about his age and enlisted in the U.S Navy Seabees and was sent to the Philippine Islands where he received his Battle Star. After he was discharged from the Navy, at Bainbridge, MD, he returned to Lancaster. He had several jobs in Lancaster and became restless.

John enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and after training, he was sent to the

Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington, VA. While there, he read in the newspaper of a little boy, who was burned over 40 percent of his body. John donated his skin to help the boy.

While in the hospital, some friends came to visit and along with them was a beautiful young lady by the name of Pauline Scott. She was a secretary for an Admiral working in the Pentagon. John sat up in bed, pointed his finger at Pauline, and said "I'm going to marry you". A year later they were married in Lancaster by Rev. Alspach at St Paul's Reformed Church. They were married for 66 wonderful years.

After being discharged from the Marine Corps, John and Pauline moved back to Lancaster, where John became a Lancaster City Police Officer for twenty-five years and started the first and original K-9 Corps, where he received his training with the Baltimore police department.

After retiring from the police department, they moved to Las Vegas, NV, where he became an investigator for the Clark County District Attorney's Office. Pauline became a secretary for a General at the Nellis Air Force Base.

After retiring, they spent the rest of their time traveling.

John and Pauline are once again together in Heaven with their families.

To all of John's Marine Corps buddies, he would like to say "SEMPER FI" – and to all his Police Buddies, he would like to say "10 4, over and out!".

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at Conestoga Memorial Park, 95 2nd Lock Rd. Lancaster, Pa. 17603.

In John's memory, please make donations to the Lancaster City Police

Department, K-9 Unit.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Conestoga Memorial Park  
95 2nd Lock Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall



“ *John L. Finger*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My sympathy to the Finger Family.....especially to Denise Finger who kept a sharp eye and hand on her father-in-law, John. Peace be will you all!*

**Shirley Taggart** - October 08, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ *I didn't know John Finger when he fought for the country or when he protected the streets of Lancaster. When I came along he was retired and telling the stories of his many life adventures, he always paused from his stories just long enough to let me know that he thought I was a great guy and warn me that I had better take good care of his baby girl or I would have to answer to him. Rest In Peace John Finger your baby girl is in good hands.*

*My deepest condolences to all those who knew and loved him.*

**Keith Burns** - October 01, 2019 at 02:08 AM



“ *This message of comfort brings warm thoughts and a wish for better tomorrow. With deepest sympathy and prayers...*



**Lillie morant** - September 25, 2019 at 12:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Lisa** - September 23, 2019 at 03:48 PM

JA

“ I loved my Uncle Johnny. He was my mother's baby brother and he would lighten up the house every time he stopped by to visit. My condolences to the Finger family and especially to Denise Finger who has kept an eye on Uncle Johnny since he has been in Lancaster. May God bless and comfort you during this time of grieving.

*Janice Tretter Thompson*

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**Janice** - September 23, 2019 at 11:36 AM

DB

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Finger and my father Jack Farrell while growing up. They were both on the Lancaster City Police force my entire childhood. My deepest sympathy to the Finger and extended family. He was always a man who not only had a smile on his face but a smile in his heart.

*Donna (Farrell) Barninger*

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**Donna Barninger** - September 22, 2019 at 11:30 AM

MF

“ I was very sad to hear of John's passing today. He was such a great person and especially he was a best friend to my husband, Jack, who passed away almost six years ago. Jack and John wrote letters to one another for years. They sometimes spoke on the phone. They were such great friends! We used to visit with them every time they came to Lancaster. I will always remember John and Pauline and think of all the happy times we spent with them and what wonderful people they were! Blessings to them in Heaven and sending love to their family here! Love Marge Farrell

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**Margaret I. Farrell** - September 22, 2019 at 11:28 AM

MH

“ John,

*Thank you for being a wonderful grandfather to my children. They spent a lot of time with you and Nanny when they were young. They loved being with you. They all loved your Santa Claus calls!*

*One of my favorite memories of John is the day he hit a Hole-in-One at the Nellis Air Force Base golf course. It was about a 200 yard par 3 and his shot landed just short of the green and rolled right into the cup! He was so excited and jumped for joy!*

*To Cassie Burns and John Finger and all of the Finger Family - my sincerest condolences.*

*Mike*

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**Mike Haley** - September 22, 2019 at 08:29 AM

DP

“ My name is Darlene Peck, but my maiden name was Darlene Shenk. My parents had a flower shop in Willow Street, Pa. and a flower stand in Market in Lancasater.

Johnny was known to me as Johnny, when I was younger I had a loose Tooth and Johnny came past the flower stand and said let me see that and in one second he pulled it out and said there you go. He was always giving to everyone and my parents which are gone now, would always say how nice he was. I will be thinking of the family.

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**Darlene Peck** - September 22, 2019 at 07:07 AM