



John C. Gronning

May 18, 2023

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, John C. Gronning, age 90, went to serve and glorify God forever. John was born in Everett, WA, son of the late Chris and Jennie (Nelson) Gronning. He graduated from Marysville High School in Washington in 1951 and worked as an apprentice ship fitter at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard for one year before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1952 and retiring in 1972.

While in the U.S. Air Force, John was a pilot in the B-47 bomber, C-133 Cargomaster, which took him to many countries and the 0-1 and 0-2 in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as a forward air controller. His military decorations included the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with twenty oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four oak leaf clusters, and numerous others.

He then received his Bachelors degree in Applied Science from Troy State University and entered the real estate profession. John was a long-time member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Shalimar, FL, and Gideons International.

John is survived by his loving wife of over 52 years, Gertrude "Trudy" Gronning, of Lancaster, PA, daughter, Kelly Keller (Rick), of Fort Walton Beach, FL, daughter, Kitty Bundy, of Costa Rica and her son, Ransom Mowris of La Honda, CA, son, Larry Hughes (Judy) of Newark, DE, brother, Glen Gronning (Connie), brother-in-law, Jack Lovell, and nieces and nephews, all of Marysville, WA, grandchildren, Lori Copes (Jim) and Michelle Sapala (Tom) and great-grandchildren, Amma and Alana Copes, and Cade and Bryce Sapala. He was preceded in death by his sister, Gladys Lovell, and brother, Robert Gronning.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery with Military Funeral Honors will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International, P.O Box 551, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549.

Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Gronning*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My memories of John remain --he was a wonderful man. Our association in Real estate with Sundance agency were wonderful years. Our best thoughts are with his family. Dick Montgomery.*

Dick Montgomery - June 24, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *My condolences to John's family. Together with a partner, I purchased the Shalimar Self Storage from John in 2015. We always communicated by emails and phone, and I was always amazed at his sharp mind, calculating the numbers "down to the penny"! Am so glad I finally got to meet John and his wife Trudy in person in April 2023. Am super inspired by both of them and the life history that they had experienced.*

Kim Do - June 19, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *My condolences to John's family. I've only known John for a few years, but he was very special to me, both as a client and as a person. Wicked smart, charming, and unfailingly kind. He will be greatly missed.*
Angela



AM Ducker - May 31, 2023 at 08:22 AM

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“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Mrs. Gronning, and your entire Family and John’s friends. He was always such a kind and gentle person, and the Dermatology Staff would also like you to know we’re keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Dr. Herschaft and Staff

Richard Herschaft - May 28, 2023 at 12:20 PM