



John C. Alderman

December 17, 1934 - August 24, 2023

John C. Alderman age 88 of Cumming passed away on August 24, 2023. He was born December 17 1934 in Panama PA. John was married to Patricia Skees Alderman. He leaves behind a daughter, Sharon Melissa Wolf; his grandchildren, Jordan, David, George, CJ, Wesley and, Gracie; granddaughter in law, Kelsea and Great Grandson, Georgie. John love telling puns he loved playing Bridge and Working. He will be greatly missed and loved. A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 2PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ *Memories of John Alderman*

John was a highly intelligent, research-focused, highly respected engineer with a kind heart.

In his youth, he got poor grades because he studied what interested him not what the teachers taught. Eventually, he mastered formal education, after discovering a trick he gladly shared with me. Just figure out what the teacher wants, learn it, and then regurgitate it back on the test.

As a young man, he raced cars, quitting only after a racing accident resulted in breaking and deforming both legs.

The only mention of his father was that his dad was the captain of a Navy supply ship stationed at Pearl Harbor. During the bombing of Pearl Harbor, his dad was en route delivering supplies to a remote island outpost. He disregarded orders to return immediately to Pearl Harbor because his ship was so close to the outpost. After delivering the supplies, he returned sailing through Japanese-infested waters. He was welcomed as a hero and awarded a medal of commendation. His picture appeared in Life Magazine. But privately he was told that he would never be promoted in rank, because he ignored orders and needlessly risked Navy assets. John inherited his father's strong independent streak.

After completing college, he worked at Brookhaven Labs, a top-tier research lab that only hired the crème de la crème of graduating engineering students.

Early in the computer revolution, communication between computers was expensive. While regular phone lines were suitable for voice conversations, they could not communicate the sensitive electronic signals that computers require. Back then, a dedicated phone line was required to enable computers to communicate with each other. Dedicated phone lines were expensive, and they lacked flexibility. John invented a system that allowed communications between computers using regular phone lines. His modem, connected to a regular landline, sent signals to other modems. The receiving modem then echoed the signals it received back to the originating modem. If the originating modem did not receive the exact signal, the process was repeated until the original signal and

the echo were identical. He founded DCA which manufactured modems. DCA was highly profitable. John became a highly respected businessman, in fact, Alderman Drive, where DCA facilities were located in Alpharetta, GA was named after him. As with most growing companies, DCA needed capital to expand. John's team estimated they needed one million dollars. Venture capitalists offered three million, and in return, the venture capitalists got sixty percent of the ownership.

Under the new structure, John's role was to be the vice president and chief research engineer. John chafed under his restricted role. Returning to the nature first exhibited as a young student, He wanted to research what he was interested in not what the new management directed him to research. A trait first evident as a young student. He sold his portion of the company and founded a new company (Innovative Technology) focused on research and development of personal computers for voice mail.

After several years, the company closed, and John continued researching on a smaller scale. Gradually, his focus changed to his long-time hobbies of reading and bridge, often playing in tournaments for master points, and sharing his vast experience in business with budding entrepreneurs.

Over time, we saw less of each other, but we continued to be friends until his death.

Jared Ogden - September 03, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



September 02, 2023 at 05:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



September 01, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



September 01, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



August 31, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Father - Large Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.



August 29, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.



August 29, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.



August 29, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ Cliff Wilcox State Farm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Alderman.

Cliff Wilcox State Farm - August 28, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Cliff Wilcox State Farm purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Alderman.*



Cliff Wilcox State Farm - August 28, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Alderman.

August 26, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Alderman.*



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