



Mr. John Roderick Branagan

May 20, 1958 - January 16, 2022

John R. Branagan, of Roswell, GA, died peacefully on Sunday, January 16, 2022, aged 63 years. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Helen W. and John E. Branagan, and spent his younger years growing up and living in South Texas before moving to Atlanta in 1991. John is survived by his wife of 31 years, Laureen A. Branagan; sister Karen Nanos and brother-in-law Dr. Jeffrey Nanos, and their son Jason Nanos; brother Master Sgt. Chris Branagan, US Army; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

John graduated from John Jay High School in San Antonio, TX. Following several years of work in the cable industry, John combined his skills as a mechanic with his passion for flight and enrolled in an aviation mechanics program at the Hallmark Institute in San Antonio. After graduating at the top of his class, John accepted a position at Delta Airlines, where he worked as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician until his retirement in 2021.

His work at Delta encompassed troubleshooting and problem solving on some of the most complicated avionics, electronics, mechanical, and flight control systems on everything from regional jets to Boeing 747s. Besides his love of airplanes, John was an avid motorcyclist, and could often be found touring the winding roads of Georgia with his wife Laureen, and friends from Delta. John's consummate professionalism at Delta transferred to his home, where he was meticulous in maintaining all of his cars and motorcycles, including his beloved 1979 Husqvarna 390 that he owned for over 40 years.

John and Laureen loved traveling together, from visiting John's relatives in Edinburgh, Scotland, to vacations in Virgin Gorda, their favorite island in the Caribbean. While living in Roswell, their garden was the envy of the neighborhood, and they frequently shared its bounty with their wonderful neighbors.

A memorial service service will be held Wednesday, February 9 at 3pm, at Northside Chapel in Roswell, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to their favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate).

A memorial service for John's friends and family in Texas will be held in San Antonio at a later date to be decided.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <https://www.facebook.com/NCFHLIVE/> in memory of Mr. John Roderick Branagan



Northside Chapel - February 09, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ Mr. John Roderick Branagan

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ I have tried to come up with words since the news and the service.....they escape me. Thoughts and prayers to the Branagan Family from the Delta Family. John will be greatly missed. I'm sure there's large contingency of motorcycle enthusiasts in Heaven! Ride on, John, ride on! :-)



Scott Goff - February 17, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ Rest In Peace John, prayers for Laureen and family

Timothy Schwenning - February 11, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ Man, that guy could ride a bike! I'm sure he's gettin' air right now. Love you Johnny.

Jay Duncan - February 11, 2022 at 11:39 AM

LM

“ Thinking of the Branagan family and wishing them all moments of peace and comfort as you remember John as a loving brother, husband, and friend. I was blessed to attend John and Lorraine's wedding, and I remember thinking how beautiful Lorraine was and how handsome and regal John was. It was a lovely and happy day! Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With Love from Lisa (and the Mendez family), Tina & Akiko Morrow

Lisa Mendez - February 09, 2022 at 09:22 AM

JB

“ I'm thinking of all the Branagans and sending my condolences. John was a great brother in law and I loved all the time we spent together. It was particularly special to spend time with him and Laureen at their beautiful home, sitting on the patio. I also really enjoyed riding go carts with John and Chris during one fun visit! I know he will be missed by so many.

Joy Hodges Branagan - February 08, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Roderick Branagan.



February 07, 2022 at 02:32 PM

CB

“ 62 files added to the album Memories Album



Chris Branagan - February 07, 2022 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Edward Dantzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Roderick Branagan*



edward dantzer - February 07, 2022 at 12:35 PM

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John will be greatly missed. He was a great mechanic and a better friend, always made himself available when asked to help out at work and out of work. I enjoyed working with him and appreciated his friendship. I will pray for his soul and his family coming to peace with his absence. May you rest in peace John.

edward dantzer - February 07, 2022 at 12:46 PM

JL

John was affectionately known as Dr Branagan to some of us at the airline. He was smart, thorough, precise and had a keen dry wit. We miss him in all those ways and more...

James Loehlein

James Loehlein - February 08, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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Although I've not seen John in years, I will remember him always as a quiet, thorough technician who could always be counted on to get the job done and do it correctly. He was professional, dependable, fun to work with, but mostly just a good friend to all of us who worked side by side with him. Godspeed, Johnny.

Tim Linder - February 08, 2022 at 10:27 PM



Tonya
Pacetti-

Thinking of the Branagan family and praying for peace and comfort as you gather together and remember the beautiful memories that you shared with your brother.

Condolences and much love, Tonya Pacetti-Perkins

Tonya Pacetti-Perkins - February 09, 2022 at 03:36 PM