



John Edward Foy

November 24, 1942 - February 3, 2026

Mr. John Edward Foy, 83, of Johns Creek, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, surrounded by his family. Born on November 24, 1942, in Harlan, Kentucky, he was a beloved son of the late John Michael and Mildred Creech Foy. As the son of a coal miner and a schoolteacher, John was raised with a deep respect for hard work, education, humility, and perseverance. These values shaped the man he became and guided him throughout his life.

John made Johns Creek, Georgia, his home more than 30 years ago, but his career carried him and his family to many places along the way. A proud graduate of the University of Kentucky, he served his country as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for his service. Those who knew him best understood that his military service was not something he spoke about often, but it remained a quiet source of pride that reflected his deep sense of duty, courage, and character.

After returning home, John built a successful career as an executive with AT&T and later Lucent Technologies, retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. His work with AT&T led him and his family to live in Huntington and Parkersburg, West Virginia; Long Valley, New Jersey; and Manlius, New York, before eventually settling in Georgia. He approached his work the same way

he approached life, with integrity, thoughtfulness, and a strong work ethic.

A man of strong and steady faith, John taught Sunday School at the Catholic church during his children's formative years, a reflection of the values he lived by every day. He found joy in life's simple and meaningful pleasures, including cooking meals for family, getting lost in a good book, savoring a glass of red wine, and spending weekends exploring estate sales in search of unexpected treasures. He enjoyed thoughtful conversation, especially spirited discussions about politics, and often relaxed to the sounds of jazz music. He also loved golfing, traveling, and spending time in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky that always felt like home. A devoted fan of Kentucky basketball, he also enjoyed the tradition and excitement of horse racing. Above all, John cherished time with his family and treasured every moment with the love of his life, his wife, Tobey Ann Roark Foy. Together, they shared more than 58 wonderful years of marriage, a partnership built on love, laughter, and unwavering devotion.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John Michael and Mildred Creech Foy, and his sister and brother-in-law, Catherine Louise and Gary Wayne Fox.

He is lovingly survived by his devoted wife, Tobey Ann Roark Foy; his children and their spouses, Elizabeth Foy Spivey (Glenn), Catherine Foy Smith, and John Michael Foy (Michelle); his brother, Patrick Michael Foy (Tammy); and his six beloved grandchildren, John Wyatt Spivey, William Tobias Spivey, Alexandra Grace Smith, Samantha Raye Smith, Jackson Edward Smith, and Jerry Lewis (Trey) Bennett, all of whom brought him immense pride and joy.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 14, 2026, at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Georgia. Visitation will take place from 1:00–3:00 PM, followed by the Celebration of Life service from 3:00–4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests

donations be made in John's memory to the Boys and Girls Club of Appalachia in Harlan, Kentucky.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
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Celebration Of Life

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc3MzMzOTg5ODQwNDkzMSZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvch> in memory of John Edward Foy



Northside Chapel - March 12 at 02:27 PM



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Edward Foy



Northside Chapel - March 11 at 02:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edward Foy.



March 12 at 02:06 PM

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“ Tommy and Lynn Della Dimos purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Edward Foy.



Tommy and Lynn Della Dimos - February 17 at 10:32 AM

JN

“ John was my second boss at AT&T and was such a great guy. Humble and kind.

Prayers for the entire family

joe nash - February 09 at 01:33 PM

BN

“ Dear Tobey, someone posted John's obituary to the VBP distribution. I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. You had a wonderful partnership for so many years. It was a pleasure to be your neighbors at VBP. I wish it could have been for longer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love from Barbara & Harold

Barbara Nichols - February 08 at 05:41 PM

TS

“ This beautifully written obituary couldn’t describe John better! He was an amazingly wonderful man, a joy to be around and lovingly committed to making his bride happy! The ultimate host and if you didn’t laugh in him company, you weren’t paying attention! Rest now, in Heaven, my dear friend! Hope to see you there someday! I’ll have to start behaving for that to happen! Your friends and YOUR Tobey will miss you terribly! Love , Tinker. I hope to say goodbye to you someday in Harlan!

Tinker Fox Slack - February 08 at 01:38 PM

TF

“ We are so very sorry to hear of John’s passing. As neighbors and friends for over 25 years, He and Tobey were as close to family as it gets. John was one of the kindest and most generous men on this planet (Tobey as well). Our son Bradford was fortunate to have a 3rd set of grandparents right next door. We immediately thought of something that was 100 John “Famous Foy-isms”. Our entire family is surrounding Tobey and family with love during this difficult period ❤️ The Freemans



The Freemans - February 08 at 10:46 AM

RL

“ My first night out after getting my drivers license I had a wreck after picking up John at his home

Robert Langley - February 07 at 05:26 PM

RL

“ Robert Langley sent a virtual gift in memory of John Edward Foy



Robert Langley - February 07 at 05:22 PM

LS

“ I did not know Mr. Foy personally, but he looks like a very gentle sweet man to me. I would like my sweet friend Michelle, and her husband John, and the rest of the family to know that my husband and I are surrounding you all with prayers. God has you all in his tender hands.

Lynn Sherer - February 07 at 11:16 AM

RR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Tobey and family during this difficult time. Uncle John was a great man, who loved and provided for his family dearly! He was one of the smartest men I ever knew. He took me to Yankee stadium as a boy. He and my Dad enjoyed going to watch college basketball together. I cherish the memories of sharing time together at Van Buren Point. Rest in Peace💙

Roy Roark - February 07 at 08:03 AM

RR

“ Roy Roark lit a candle in memory of John Edward Foy



Roy Roark - February 07 at 06:57 AM