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Norfolk, VA

07.02.1940 - 12.28.2020

**Birthplace:** New London, CT

**Served in the :** Marines

John Francis Forbes, 80, of Norfolk passed away at home overlooking his beloved Chesapeake Bay on December 28, 2020.

John served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and spend most of his life protecting his community as 35-year veteran of the Norfolk Fire Department. He retired from the fire service as Deputy Chief of the Coral Springs Fire Department in Florida. He was born in New London, Connecticut, the oldest child and only son of Julian Forbes and Sophie Jorsz (nee) and was raised in Norfolk. He graduated from Norview High in 1958.

John was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Lydia Herman and Margaret Forbes. He is survived by his wife of 55 years and the love of his life, Barbara Gibbs Forbes, three children Teresa Stephens (Craig), Christina Pullen (Phil), both of Chesapeake, and Steven Forbes of Norfolk; sister Katherine Estes (Jim) of Chesapeake; grandchildren, Isaac Fields, Phillip Pullen, Leslie Pullen, Grace Pullen, and Gregory Forbes; and a large extended family he loved and who loved him.

John was a servant of the Lord, grateful for a wonderful life and immensely proud of his family. Our family has been blessed beyond measure by this extraordinary man who taught us by example strength, character, service, integrity, compassion and fairness.

John was a husband, father, warrior, mentor, hero. Through his deep love for Barbara and his children, his years of service to his community and his selfless and noble character, he taught us how to love deeply and widely, and serve others regardless of background or circumstances. He was the calm in a storm, and rationality in chaos. He was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

Rest now John, you have fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. Welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven good and faithful servant.

Due to COVID, a memorial service for John will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at [RWBakerFH.com](http://RWBakerFH.com)



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