



## John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr.

November 16, 1940 - January 17, 2018

John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr., 77, of Hurricane passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Teays Valley Center, Hurricane, WV.

Born November 16, 1940 in Wheeling, WV, he was a son of the late John Joseph, Sr. and Frances Goldie Reilly Tolarchyk. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Francis Alexander Tolarchyk.

John served his country proudly for 26 ½ years as a United States Marine where, as a journalist, he provided public relations and information technology to the Corps. Following his military career, he worked for a number of newspapers including those in Charleston, Point Pleasant and Wheeling. He also worked at Tri-County YMCA in Scott Depot, WV. He attended Wheeling Central and Wheeling high schools. After retiring from the military, he attended Marshall University. Being raised in the Catholic faith, John attended both Teays Valley Church of God and the Catholic Church of the Ascension, Hurricane.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Farley Tolarchyk; his daughter, Michelle Tolarchyk Lacy (Gary) of Hurricane; granddaughters, Hannah, Leah and Julia Lacy; his sisters, Katherine Prettyman (Joe) of PA, Charlotte Werfele of Moundsville, WV, Goldie Shriver (Dan) of Wheeling as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 3pm Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor Melissa Pratt officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. He will be laid to rest 2:30pm Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar, WV. Those in attendance should gather at the Administration building at 2:15pm. You may also visit his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Tolarchyk family.

# Cemetery Details

## Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive  
Dunbar, WV 25064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Committal Service

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JAN **22**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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130 Academy Drive  
Dunbar, WV 25064

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Joanne, Michelle and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I just saw the obituary in the paper. He was a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Dave and Vanessa Morris** - January 21, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr..*



January 20, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about John. He was a good man. Between John and Joann you both instilled great values in my brother, when you watched him. My parents couldn't have chosen a better family to watch him. May God watch over your family. You are all in our prayers.*

**Scott Ratcliffe** - January 20, 2018 at 08:20 PM

HC

“ John was always a great motivator to members of the tri-county YMCA. He was always checking and encouraging members in the gym.  
My sympathies to his wife and family.

Helen Cook - January 20, 2018 at 04:12 PM



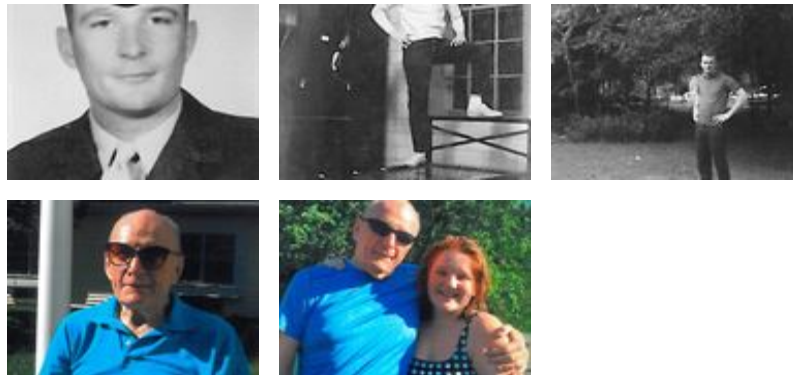
“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr..



January 20, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapman Funeral Homes - January 20, 2018 at 10:19 AM

BM

“ Joann, Michelle and Family.....so sorry for your loss. I know he was loved. Betty McCarty

betty mccarty - January 20, 2018 at 10:06 AM

LF

“ *Love Always and Forever! purchased the With Distinction for the family of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr..*



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**Love Always and Forever!** - January 20, 2018 at 12:40 AM

JM

“ *Jennifer M. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr..*



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**Jennifer M.** - January 20, 2018 at 12:29 AM

KR

“ *We we very sad to learn of John's passing. We will always remember him as great man who will have a special place in our heart. RIP John.*



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**Kathy, Randy and PJ Ratcliffe** - January 19, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Marine Veteran, John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 19, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Tolarchyk, Jr..*



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January 19, 2018 at 05:56 AM