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Born in 1939, JOHN FRANCIS DEALY was blessed with a brilliant mind and a caring heart. Every aspect of his life reflected these two qualities. Early on he responded to the needs of his large Brooklyn, NY family, especially his three younger brothers whom he tutored so well that each was able to win scholarships to colleges and graduate schools, as did he. John also mentored them as altar boys and in many sports, which he dearly loved and played throughout his life.

On a full General Motors National Scholarship, he was able to go to the college of his choice; again with the needs of his family in mind, he chose nearby Fordham. A side benefit of the scholarship was working two summers at AC Spark Plug in Milwaukee as an engineering trainee on the Titan Missile guidance system; it gave him a practical foundation for much of his life's work in aerospace and satellite communications. He went on to New York University School of Law on a Root-Tilden scholarship, was elected Notes Editor on the Law Review, and graduated at the top of his class.

He served his military commitment from 1964-68 as an Attorney-Advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. While there he met Nana Louise May from Manassas, Virginia. Within a few months they were wed, finding in each other many common passions, including a love of sports, reading, traveling, entertaining, family, and perhaps most importantly, talking together on almost any topic.

At the end of his military service, he was hired by Fairchild Industries, Inc. as their General Counsel, and by 1976 he rose to be President. While at Fairchild he led their fight to procure the A-10 fighter program, and was one of the creators of American Satellite Corporation, for which he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1977 to 1982.

In 1982 he left Fairchild and joined the MBA program of Georgetown University as "Distinguished Professor" -- and for several years he was voted best professor by the students. In the early '80s he also started a consulting company that offered strategic advice to organizations



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in the aerospace, satellite and communications industries, and he became “Of Counsel” to the D.C. law firm of Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge.

From 1995 to 2005, he served as Chairman of the Maryland Health Care Product Development Corporation, was a director of Heath Care Financial Partners, Inc., on the board of Allfirst Financial Inc., a Director of the Atlantic Council, and an arbitrator in several complex business disputes.

His final great adventure in business was with XM Satellite Radio where he served as Senior Advisor to the CEO; he and his Dealy Strategy Group became ‘embedded’ at XM in order to advise in every aspect of XM’s development, from its beginning in 1997 through its merger with Sirius Satellite Radio in 2008.

In addition to this exceedingly full professional life, John was a wonderful father to daughters, Anne and Marian, unfailingly available and concerned. With them, he and Nana enjoyed hockey, tennis, traveling, and family gatherings well into their 70s. Family and friends were also recipients of John’s counsel and support on emotional, financial, and career deliberations.

In 2015 when acute myeloid leukemia (AML) struck, John became dependent on blood transfusions administered at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. To support him and his family, many friends offered to drive him on these twice weekly journeys for blood. Over ten months as this regimen continued, there were eventually 27 wonderful people who spent whole days with him, many several times, during which they discussed business plans, personal ambitions, family matters, etc. John’s body was weak but his mind was clear as a bell, and happy as always to focus on problems outside of himself; he was able to give sage advice, thus using his intelligence and caring heart to the day he died.

For those attending the Memorial Service on Monday, March 6 at the Francis Scott Key Lobby of Mellon Hall on the campus of St. John's College in Annapolis, handicapped parking will be available in the lot next to Mellon Hall, off St. John's Street. There will be some spaces available in the other campus lots off St. John's and King George Streets, as well as in nearby Gott's Garage on Calvert Street.




Events


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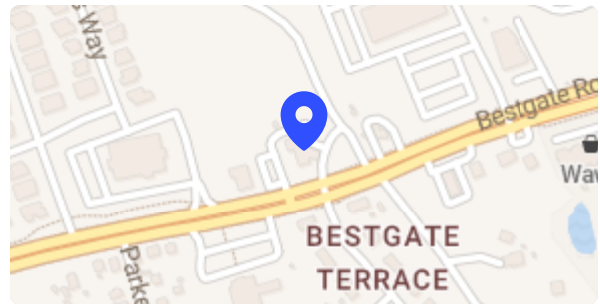
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, March 5, 2017

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
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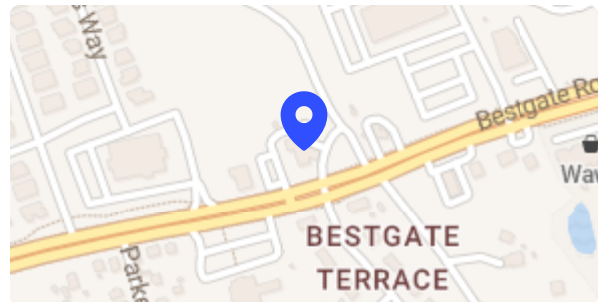


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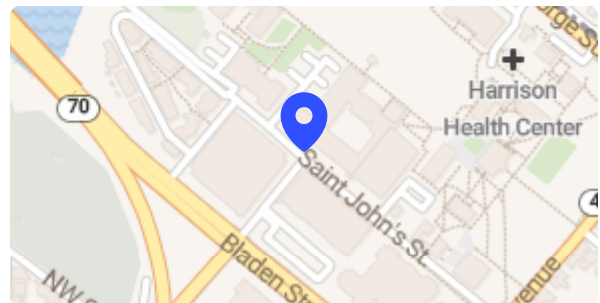


Memorial Service

 **Monday**, March 6, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **Francis Scott Key Lobby of Mellon Hall, St. John's College**
St. John's Street, Annapolis MD 21401





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JM

Joseph Massey posted:

I was an MBA student at Georgetown in 1989. I was given my 15 minutes of private time with one of the most prestigious and accomplished businessmen of his time. Professor John Dealy! SO specifically remember walking toward his office, pausing before knocking. He met me at the door... immediately upon my entrance he smiled said his name, shook my hand, and turned to walk around behind his desk, uttering clearly... What do you wanna do with your life? I conjecturally said, "to make a lot of money." Professor Dealy replied succinctly, well, you better get in real estate. That six minute exchange, Georgetown still owes me nine minutes, changed my life. Sorry it has taken me this long to express my appreciation for that man's few moments of wisdom. Best

November 1 at 10:28 PM

MH

Mark Hill posted:

JFD, many owe you more than we sometimes can possibly express ... you were a major influence in both my professional and personal life. You will be sorely missed! Mark Hill

March 6 at 4:09 PM

BJ

Blanche Johnson posted:

I owe John a large debt of gratitude. He took a risk in hiring me to work for Maryland Health Care. And through him and his Dealy Strategy Group, a new world of business and finance was opened up to me. I will miss his wise counsel and friendship. Blanche Johnson

March 5 at 2:39 AM



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Mj Velasco shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



JOHN FRANCIS DEALY No one can deny that John was a deeply blessed man. From his many stories of family, friends, and work, it never escaped me that he was a man that loved, cared, and had a profound commitment for everyone he met and everything he did - There was simply no one to whom he would have not given advice and direction. He encouraged, taught, or mentored anyone willing to sit with him. John was selfless. I have wanted to post something earlier about my time with John, but, I have to admit that every moment I thought of writing something, my eyes welled up with tears. Yet, knowing John, he would have turned to me, smiled, and encouraged me to just write it. I believe the true beginning of my relationship with John occurred while I was in Prescott, Arizona. One fateful day while in Arizona completing commercial flight courses, my cell phone rang. It was John. He was in his Washington DC offices with my, now, darling wife, Michele. John said, "M.J., this is John Dealy". Everyone knows he always referred to himself that way. He went on to say, "What are you doing in Arizona away from this wonderful woman of yours? You should be home with her . . ." Although I already knew him, this was truly the day that I formally met and discovered the man, John Francis Dealy. Over the years I enjoyed his company and his many stories. John never missed an opportunity to engage me in conversation - mostly one-sided, but, I genuinely preferred it that way. I believe John will remain eternally etched in our minds and hearts as a dad, a friend, companion, and storyteller. He will be forever etched in mine. And, Michele and I will keep a picture of John that we took of him on his boat on our fireplace bookshelf. It was clear to me that John was a doer and lived a selfless life. In my estimation, John was at his best and happiest being there for others. God Bless You, John

February 23 at 11:18 AM



Lida Chang September 23 at 11:07 PM

We met in 1980 at Berlitz language school in Washington DC. I was his Chinese Teacher and we prepared for Exchanging Views on Science and Education in China. He sent me a letter with a photo after he successfully gave sermons in China. He is gorgeous and a successful man, We miss him. Lida Chang Sep 23, 2024



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DB

Dyan Brasington posted:

Sending my deep sympathy to family and friends...I worked with John as he put his skills toward helping to shape a distinctive and bright economic future for Maryland. I first met John as part of the Economic Advisory Council of Montgomery County - then as a board member of the Technology Council of Maryland - also as a founder of the Maryland Health Care Products Development Board - as an advisor to XM radio, and so much more. I so admired his strategic sense. At every turn John assisted, supported and lent sage advice. He was a friend and mentor that I could count on through almost 20 years of my professional career. Thinking back, we depended on him for so much. Good team member, great coach, valued professional and quite the character! Will miss him and will continue to appreciate all he did and the person he was. Many thanks, John. Sincerely, Dyan Brasington

March 4 at 5:23 AM

AB

Aase Bye posted:

Nana, Marion, Anne and family: I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband and dad was a wonderful man. I met him a couple of times in Bayhead with Marie and also spoke to him numerous times on the phone when he called Marie. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. My sincere condolences to you. Sincerely Aase

March 3 at 3:48 PM

KS

Kerin Scudder posted:

Johnny D – how do words describe the impact of a man like this? Hilarious, brilliant, intuitive, savvy, caring, athletic, competitive, high achieving, compassionate, approachable, driven, supportive, happy, smiling, Diet Pepsi...It all barely scratches the surface. I feel so privileged to have been gifted with the experience of knowing someone so special. Someone so truly exceptional that he never made anyone feel anything other than that they were exceptional. Thank you Nana, Anne and Marian for sharing him with all of us – even though our exchanges ended up being too few and far between, I'll miss him every day, and will never forget the times we had and the influence he imparted. So very glad you 3 know what it feels like to be adored, you were, and you are. All my love - Kerin

March 3 at 2:56 PM



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MS

Margie Studt posted:

Dear Anne, You and your family have been a constant in my prayers. I am so very sorry. I was always a big fan of your father. I remember being in your Dad's office in the early days of XM, when I had to prepare a presentation on accounting related to plans for our satellites. As your Dad went through the slides making edits and comments, I remember wondering to myself if there was any subject he was not an expert on – he had an amazing intellect. But mostly, I remember his kindness and generosity in helping me and thinking this man really enjoys teaching, coaching and mentoring. And I remember how he would light up when he talked about teaching at Georgetown. I am so grateful I got to work with you and your father at XM especially during the early, incredible, and fun days. Anne, I am so very sorry. I hope you can find some small comfort in knowing you and your family are very much in our hearts and prayers. Margie Studt

March 3 at 10:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Dealy family.



March 3 at 7:32 AM

LL

Lon Levin posted:

A great businessman and mentor to many, including me. I cherish and still use his advice and wisdom. He will be missed.

February 28 at 7:48 PM

MS

Martha De Silva posted:

I am really sad and sorry to hear this news. I worked with John for nearly 13 years while I was an academic advisor at Georgetown University. He was sharp, funny, charming, and a bit devilish (in a great way). Year over year, I compiled long wait lists of students desperate to get registered into his course, "Negotiated Mergers and Acquisitions," which was a great testament to his popularity as a professor. He was much beloved by many (myself included!) at Georgetown. I will keep the Dealy family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Kindest regards, Martha De Silva

February 27 at 12:34 PM



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DC

Doug Coulson shared an album called **Tennis friends.**



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February 27 at 11:25 AM

SF

Shelby & Hugh Fillingane posted:

I have here "Reflection on Death" by Henry Scott Holland, (1847 to 1918), canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, which begins: "Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room", and I'm thinking about how John was here for everyone. He cheered us on: Nana's artistic and intellectual explorations, Anne and Marion's life choices, and support for his kinfolk and friends. For me, John made it possible to keep my house after a divorce, he spent his ski time getting my car unstuck, and he stood by me and my son through legal difficulties. Wise counsel, caring, time, support—so generously given. Replicated so many times for his beloved family and host of friends. Camping, skiing, crab feasts, hiking, tennis, graduations, and singing, dancing and performing with the Dealy and May clans – we are grateful for all those great times, for sharing many milestones. So, John, in the next room, you have battled cancer, typically, with courage, determination and intellect. Ever our hero, we hold you in our hearts. Our heartfelt condolences, Shelby (and Hugh)

February 27 at 8:29 AM

BN

Bobbie & Ken Niefeld posted:

Nana:I will remember John's wonderful smile and his warmth. I know you will miss your best friend.Our sincere condolences,Bobbie & Ken Niefeld

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Robert Thomas shared an album called **New Album Name**.



February 26 at 7:56 AM



Robert Thomas posted:

John and I joined Georgetown University in the same year to teach in the brand-new MBA Program. We were from different worlds; he the recent CEO of a major firm and I the recent graduate of a doctoral program. John was very approachable and I soon realized he was more than a colleague. He was someone from whom I would constantly learn. His professionalism and generous willingness to attentively listen and offer true wisdom are gifts of his exceptional character that I continue to cherish. All his students recognized John's enthusiasm and desire to help them. He became a source of valuable insight and support for hundreds of our students on their career journeys. John's contributions to our fledgling MBA program and business school in its early years is immeasurable and a large part of our success today. I will always regard John as one of the finest people I have ever known, and as someone who understood and practiced the Jesuit philosophy of leadership in service of others. Bob Thomas, Professor of Marketing, Georgetown University

February 26 at 5:44 AM



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LD

Larry Dacunto posted:

John and I first met in September 1953, as freshmen at the Jesuit 'Brooklyn Prep', because 'Dacunto' was inevitably seated directly in front of 'Dealy' in alphabetical rigor. That fortuitous coincidence evolved into a 64 year friendship. We attended the same Classical Honors classes for four years. What first made me fully appreciate John's brilliance, was his ability to do our very difficult daily Greek homework, while standing on our noisy, lurching subway ride home while I and everyone else spent considerably more time grinding it out carefully at home. By Junior year, John and I had become debating partners, a 'dynamic duo' with John as the 'brains' and yours truly being the 'mouth'. We were nearly banished from the team for having made an opposing girl's team cry from our puerile sarcasm. However, with Jesuitical certainty we were eventually hammered into little gentlemen. John also excelled in Latin Sight Reading competitions and made time keeping an after school job and playing in a hockey league. In college, we went separate ways but came together two summers in Milwaukee, where I was attending college and John served as an intern with Allis Chalmers. We enjoyed our months together and especially attending Milwaukee Braves games. Some years later, we and our wives met several times in Washington DC where we were both working, I shuffling papers in the Pentagon and John doing brilliant work at Fairchild Industries. While stationed as a battalion commander in Germany, I was surprised by a phone call from John who was visiting the US Joint Commander in Europe, to drum up support for the Fairchild A-10 airplane. John agreed to spend the night at our home in Schweinfurt, and soon turned up at our door, looking a bit rattled, saying: 'You guys really take this readiness stuff seriously around here!' It seems that in the final few miles from our home, he had unwittingly driven his little rental car into a large column of main battle tanks which were using public roads to get to their local training area. We had a good laugh about that, but I'm sure John somehow used that experience well in developing the A-10s into the best tank killer aircraft ever built. John and I were physically distant, but dear, long term friends. He was a true Mensch, even as a very young man, and I'll miss his Irish wit and charm. Since this Brooklyn boy now lives in the heart of Texas, I'll close with the words of an old Cowboy song, "So you're ridin' on ahead Well, if that's how it's goin' to be When you reach those streets paved with gold [John], stake a claim out for me."

February 23 at 11:18 AM

LH

Lorraine Herr posted:

Professor Dealy offered wise counsel to me and many other MBA students at Georgetown. He spoke of personal ethics and how to keep ours in tact. He was inspiring and true. It was an honor to have known him. Lorraine Herr

February 26 at 4:49 AM



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PC

Peter Coccaro posted:

so sorry marian and all the dealy,s.....pete and pat coccaro

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VC

Valerie O'connor posted:

John was a dear friend. I called him my adopted god father. He helped me face some tough things with reason (and humor!) rather than reacting. Thank you always Johnny D. Love and light your way, Val O'Connor

February 24 at 3:21 PM

RZ

R. Zicht posted:

Anne,I saw your father's obituary in today's Washington Post. I am so sorry for your loss.I never knew your father - except from our conversations and for knowing you and because of that I know in my heart he was a wonderful man, a loving father and family man. I also know you have many, many happy memories of him to help you through this time of sorrow.Please know I am here for you and am keeping you, Shawn and your family in my heart.Randy Zicht

February 24 at 1:53 PM

AS

Ann Sandor posted:

John was a true friend, mentor and professional. I will always cherish our friendship and the wonderful mentoring he provided. Rest in peace, Johnny-boy.

February 24 at 9:55 AM

AF

Arline Fleischer posted:

Remembering the gracious personality of the special man,Our deepest condolences.Arline and Lowell Fleischer

February 24 at 6:55 AM



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JM

Jessie Mackinnon posted:

John is the person most responsible for my professional success. He advised me on every job interview, introduced me to people to advance my career and gave a reference like no other. I had the pleasure to meet Nana and Anne and understood why he spoke of them with such love and pride. He spoke the same way of Marian. Although I was a professional friend, John always made it feel personal. I learned so much from him. I will so miss Johnny D. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

February 24 at 3:21 AM

PR

Patricia Ribinson posted:

I knew John through nana's organized book group and as a mah Jong player I also grew up in NYC. I felt an affinity with John. John not just a smart guy but engaged and disciplined. If our reading involved India, John came prepared and we had the background to understand events most important. I felt welcome, as he was able to convey warmth and kindness. I miss him and will remember this good soul. Patty Robinson

February 24 at 1:59 AM

TM

Ted And Miriam posted:

Our condolences to Nana, Anne, and Marian. We remember the times we spent with you going to the ancient forests and to Philadelphia for a weekend. Those times were fun. We will see you when we return from our trip.

February 23 at 2:57 PM

LG

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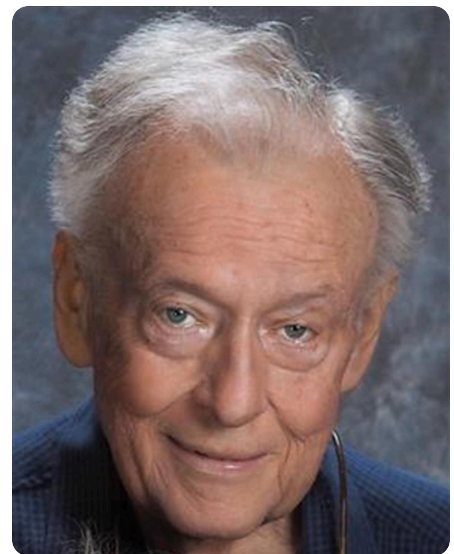
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John Dealy with students at Georgetown University, ca. 1983



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John, Knowing you has made my life so much richer. Lisa



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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