



# John Jay Brenza

JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023



Scan to Visit

# Table of Contents

<b>Obituary</b> .....	Page 3
<b>Events</b> .....	Page 4
<b>Tribute Wall</b> .....	Page 5
<b>Media</b> .....	Page 7



# John Jay Brenza

JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023

**J**ohn Jay Brenza 101: Born July 18, 1922, John was the son of John Nicholas Brenza and Ida Hazel Lendon of Cleveland, Ohio. He passed away peacefully from natural causes on November 8th, 2023 in Annapolis, Maryland. John was raised and grew up in Cleveland and graduated from Case Western University in 1943 where he received a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. During his last year at Case Western University, he joined the US Navy Reserves and was assigned active duty during WWII at the US Naval Academy as an instructor in the Department of Marine Engineering.

After the war, John married Rheta Alice Carter of Annapolis and is survived by their six children: Karen Leigh Somers, Jon Michael Brenza, Keith Allen Brenza, Roger Hillary Brenza, Timothy Jay Brenza, and Pamela Jeanne Brenza; along with two foster children: Jacqueline Martins and William Scott; and two grandchildren Michelle Brenza O'Brien and Cheryl Brenza O'Brien Poirier; and great grandchild, Kevin Scott O'Brien. In 1991, John married Virginia Woodland Cruse.

In private practice, John worked as a Metallurgical Engineer with several local metal manufacturers and served as President of the American Society for Metals and The Maryland Institute of Metals. He also served as president of several local civic organizations. Please check back for memorial details. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends alike.




# Events

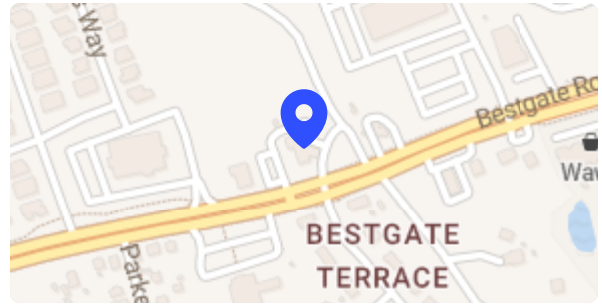
**John Jay Brenza**  
JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023

## Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, November 30, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401





# Tribute Wall

**John Jay Brenza**  
JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023



**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Brenza family.



November 27 at 9:03 PM



**Pamela Brenza** posted:

His favorite band was Glenn Miller. His favorite song was Sing Sing Sing by Benny Goodman. His favorite actor was Ida Lupino. He loved good food especially ethnic dishes. He loved The Baltimore Colts and Orioles. He loved to do the Jitterbug back in the day. He loved the Navy and his days teaching at the Naval Academy during WWII. He loved the sport of Fencing. He loved The Young Vic Theater. He loved the Tamburitzans out of Duayne University. He liked going to the ballet. He loved his Martini, but only if done right. He loved beer and enjoyed making it. He loved Big Band Music. He loved going to visit The Naval Academy especially for the Halloween Show done at the Chapel. He loved Annapolis. He loved his wife and children!

November 20 at 7:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brenza family.



November 20 at 7:18 PM



**The Brenza Children!** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



November 20 at 7:18 PM



## Tribute Wall

**John Jay Brenza**  
JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023



**Karen Somers** shared 5 photos to the **Favorite Pics of John Brenza** album.



November 12 at 4:37 AM

**AG**

**Ann Glenn** November 30 at 4:52 AM

John was my mother-in-law, Virginia Cruse's, second husband, whom she married several years after becoming a widow. I had the pleasure of talking with John at various family parties and gatherings many times over the course of their 15 year marriage and was in their home on many occasions. John was always a gentlemen. He was an attentive and caring husband to my mother-in-law. They traveled a good deal, lived in three different homes during their marriage and enjoyed many outings and activities together. She very much valued John's many interest's and his zest for learning and having new experiences. She loved going to concerts and performances with John, something she had not been able to do as much with her first husband. As a genealogist, I admired John's pride in his Czech heritage. I was often surprised at the depth of his knoweldge about many topics. He was naturally curious and liked exploring new ways of learning. John was wonderfully attentive and caring to my mother-in-law, especially in the final months of her life. I will always be grateful to him for his patient and loving kindness to her. May he rest in peace. Ann Glenn

**ZH**

**Zina Hayes** November 17 at 5:27 AM

Mr. Brenza my forever buddy you will be missed. To meet someone of your stature I can say I am truly blessed. You came into my life with your patience to teach, advise, comfort and bill more confidence in the person I am. God don't make mistakes when he join people together. Remembering when you said to me, "You wave a big stick kid," because I can get things done and in a timely manner will be in my heart forever." Thank you for being you. I love you Mr. Brenza rest well Sir!



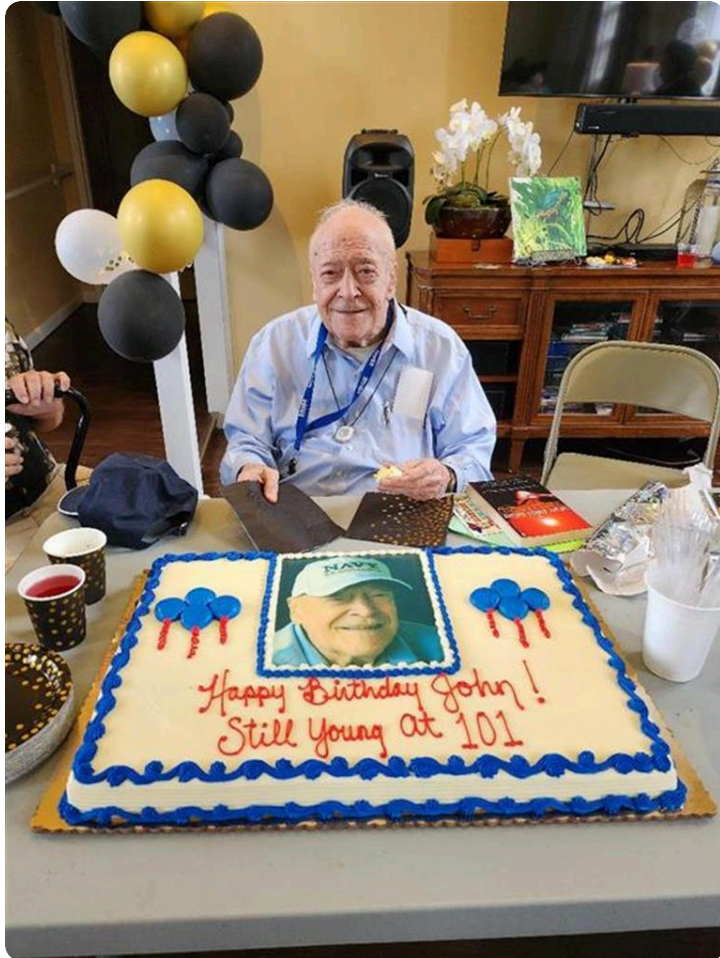
## Media

**John Jay Brenza**  
JUL 18, 1922 - NOV 8, 2023



**Karen Somers** shared 5 photos to the **Favorite Pics of John Brenza** album.

November 12 at 4:37 AM



Celebrating 101 Years!



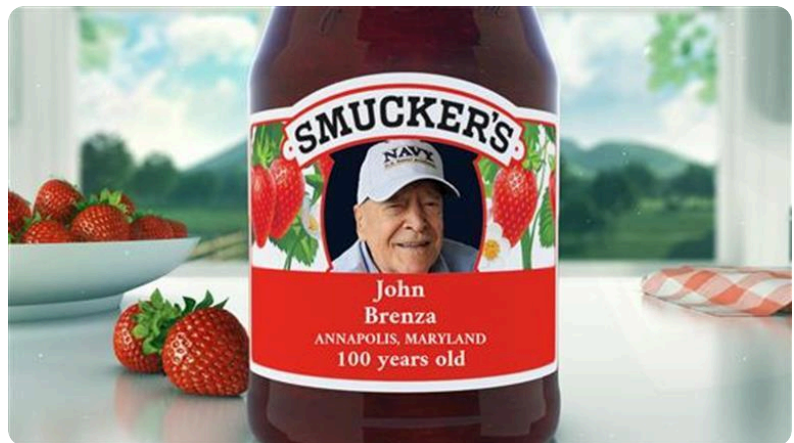
Dad and "Harvey"



Dad at 8 years old



Naval Academy instructor



Smuckers Jar Pic



# Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit