

Arthur John Goetz Jr.
December 15, 2024

Arthur John Goetz, Jr., 86, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and passion for life. He was born on July 23, 1938, in Monroe, Michigan, to the late Arthur and Gladys Goetz.

John graduated from Monroe High School in 1956 and went on to earn a degree from Michigan State University in 1960. His commitment to service was evident early in life as he joined the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving from 1960 to 1963 and attaining the rank of Captain. He continued to serve in the reserves until 1971. In 1963, John began his professional career with Parker Hannifin Corporation, excelling in sales for 14 years. In 1977 Parker Hannifin offered John a distributorship opportunity in Alabama. John relocated to Birmingham, Alabama and founded Alabama Seal and Packing, which he successfully operated for 41 years where he grew the business and built lasting relationships with customers, employees, and the community. He retired in 2018, leaving behind a company that continues to reflect his hard work and integrity. A passionate golfer, John enjoyed many years on the links. He cherished his time as a marshal at Robert Trent Jones and Highlands Golf Course, where he made many lifelong friendships. His love for the game was matched only by his dedication to his family. He was a faithful member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church, where he found support and fellowship throughout his life.

John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Bonnie Goetz, his children, and his grandchildren, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts. He is also survived by a large circle of friends and loved ones who will deeply miss his warm spirit, unwavering kindness, and loyalty.

A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held at Briarwood Presbyterian Church (In the Chapel) on December 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation in his honor. John Goetz will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love, integrity, and passion for life will live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have shared in his journey.