



John E Vila

May 13, 1944 - January 10, 2021

John E. Vila III, 76, passed away at home in Marble Hill, holding his wife's hand and with his devoted basset hound, Stinky, laying at his side on Sunday, January 10th, 2021.

He was born May 13th, 1944 in St. Louis son of John E. Vila Jr. and Louise (Cartwright) Vila. United in marriage to Teri Trostel on June 3rd, 1995.

John served his country proudly in the US Navy on the USS Hornet during the Vietnam conflict, and retired as a St Louis City police officer after 23 years of service. He loved his wife, life in the country, his pets, birdwatching, and any TV filmed before 1973. John was known for his skills at the grill and in the kitchen.

Survivors include his wife Teri Vila; children; Karen Vila Shannon, Jennifer Vila, and John Vila both of Reno, Nevada, and Victoria Vila of St. Peters; two brothers William "Tom" Vila and Stephen (Brenda) Vila both of St. Louis, and one sister Barb (David) Wissenborn of St. Louis; Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents John E. Vila Jr and Louise Vila; and one sister Rose Marie and her husband Jerry Bier.

A family only memorial service will be held at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Backstoppers of St Louis,
10411 Clayton Rd #203, St. Louis, MO. 63131.

Liley Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.