



*John Phillip Bortner,
Jr.*

March 18, 1957 - Nov. 7, 2024

John Phillip Bortner, Jr., 67, of Morganton, NC went to be with his Lord on Thursday, November 7, 2024. He was born on March 18, 1957 in Corinth, NY to Shirley Mae (Denton) and the late John Phillip Bortner, Sr.

In addition to his mother, John is survived by his wife, Patti; his children, Phil, Melissa (Stephen) and Heather (Ken); two grandchildren; brother, Stephen (Sharon); sisters, Pam (Pat) and Becky (Steve); and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 3 – 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Gibbs Chapel Wesleyan Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2024 at [Lifestream Church of the Nazarene, 5105 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601](#). The service is open to all.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider a donation be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) in memory of John P. Bortner, Jr.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the

arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I was rummaging old pics my mother amazingly stored away. One being a 5th grade pic of John. He, Steven and Pam were neighbors in a trailer park in Manchester Tn. So after googling John, I sadly found this obituary. How sad the family must be. John was a great kid and no doubt a fine husband and father. My regards to all.

—Scott Stephens



We only met a few times but you could feel the love he had for his family. A kind and down to earth type of person who was quiet but slipped in a joke every now and then. Please take care and reach out, we're here if ever needed.

—Fletcher Family

We were in junior high band together. Always a nice guy.

—Cheryl Grimm Sloan

Patti and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of John. We were friends and Classmates in high school graduating 1975 PGHS. He was such a calm and funny guy who I will always remember. Thinking of you and family during the days ahead. Prayers to all that knew John. RIP

—Jessie Carmichael



My sincerest condolences for the entire family! I am honored to see his lasting legacy in his daughters (Melissa and Heather) - may he be raised up and the family find peace! + Mac

—Hugh "Mac" Cannon



This is very sad news. John was invaluable to the Defense Department's development and maturation to cyber intelligence and was a good friend. I was able to speak with John one last time days before his passing. He was our colleague & friend. Patti and his family have my deepest sympathy. (Defense Intelligence Agency)

—Louis M. Werdebach



Patti and family, Susan and I have our greatest sympathy for your loss. John was a very special co-worker, boss but specially a great friend. He will be surely missed.

—James E Kauffman



I will always remember the vacations we had either at Rome, NY, Saratoga Springs, NY, Tennessee, Hopewell, Virginia, Prince George, Va. All the Weddings that happened in Hopewell. Our family's were very close. The 2 reunions in Nags Head, North Carolina. We are double 1st cousins and I want to say we had a lot of fun in our younger days. You will truly be missed and I want to say that I love you. I know you are with your Saviour now. You are with your Dad who was there welcoming home with his open arms along with both Sets of Grandparents, My Mom and Dad. You are having another Famiky reunion. Save some spot for me. Again, you

will be missed greatly but you will be in my heart always.

—Jeffery Bortner



In memory of my sweet sweet Double 1st Cuz John....there

are no words to tell you what you mean to me. For as long as I can remember you were always the calm, mellow, but OHH SOOO FUNNY cousin. I was sooo proud to be your cousin and Mom and Dad absolutely loved being your aun and uncle and were so proud of you. Dad was thrilled to tour Russia with you and share a once in a lifetime adventure. I will forever be grateful that we had such a meaningful conversation 2 weeks ago. A true gift that I cherish. I love you Cuz.... I am so truly sorry Patti, Phillip, Melissa and Heather. And to my precious Aunt Shirley...I love you & my heart aches for you. Steve, Pam and Becky....my love and prayers and hugs I extend to each of you. RIP Cuz....your body is at rest and your soul is at peace forever more. Another piece of my heart is in Heaven now Love you, Lois

—Lois Bortner Melito



Patti, we are sorry to learn of John's passing. We are praying for you and your family during this season of life.

—Allen & Danielle Stilwell

Patti I am so sorry for your loss. You have been in my prayers!

—Dawn Roper





—Rev. Steve Bortner and family