



## John C. Wilbiekaitis

July 24, 1946 - July 4, 2006

View John's Video Tribute [John C. Wilbiekaitis of National Park](#) died at his home Tuesday, July 4, 2006. Age 59. Mr. Wilbiekaitis was born in Philadelphia and served in the U.S. Navy as a utilitiesman chief with the Seabees for 26 years before retiring in 1997. He was a Vietnam veteran. At the time of his death, he was employed at the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia. John started his government career as an apprentice pipe fitter at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and went on to serve the Federal government for 40 years. He was a life member and Grand Quartermaster/Treasurer and membership chairman of the Cooties, where he was lovingly referred to as "John Alphabet". He was also Deputy Inspector South, Dept. of NJ V.F.W. , Inspector of V.F.W. District 13, and life member and Quartermaster of V.F.W. Post 7125, among other duties. In addition, he was a life member and Paymaster of Army-Navy Garrison 52, a life member of American Legion Post 133 and Fleet Reserve Association 057, and a retired pipe fitter of Local 322 Plumbers and Steamfitters. John is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Patricia, daughters Catherine and her husband Michael Grimm of Souderton, Pa., Amy Wilbiekaitis of Lansdale, Pa., and Danelle Wilbiekaitis of National Park, two grandchildren, Nathan and Ava Grimm, sisters Linda (Gerard) Dunphy of Southampton, Pa., and Barbara Magilton of Philadelphia and several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a viewing Friday 6pm to 9pm and Saturday 8am to 9am at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 10am at St. Anne's

RC Church, Westville. Interment Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery,  
Monroe Twp. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VFW Post 7125,  
1199 Hessian Ave., Westville, NJ 08093 or American Heart Association, 600  
White Horse Pike, Audubon, NJ 08106.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Wilbiekaitis*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *To the family of John, I am so sorry for your loss. John had a sense of humor that matched no other, he was also a big tease. We shared many laughs, and lunches, while working together at DSCP/DISC.*

*He will be deeply missed.*

*Barbara Stewart*

**Barbara Stewart** - August 04, 2006 at 03:42 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy and condolences from a fellow Seabee. EO1 T.L. Bigam, Ret.*

**Tom Bigam** - July 20, 2006 at 10:33 PM



“ *Dear Pat and Family, John you will be dearly missed, You knowledge your wit and friendship and talks. It was an honor serve with and have as a friend. PAT, Hang in there Dear. Here's XOXO since i can't be there. Would luv to catch up, If and when time and emotions permit.*

*Jay Fallon 610-587-7770*

**Jay Fallon** - July 19, 2006 at 05:44 PM

RC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy for you and your Family's loss. I knew John when he was in the Seabee Battalion at Lakehurst. He was one of the outstanding Seabee's and will be greatly missed by all. Master Chief Richard and Barbara Carl.

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**Richard & Barbara Carl** - July 12, 2006 at 10:29 PM

AI

“ Pat:  
We miss John so much. Our sympathies to you and your daughters.  
Alicia

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**Alicia Ingber** - July 12, 2006 at 01:45 PM

RD

“ We share your loss with John's passing. He was a good person who loved to make people laugh.

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**Rich & Denise Doran** - July 11, 2006 at 07:43 PM

CK

“ Dear Pattie and family,  
I was so very saddened to learn of the passing of John !! He will always be remembered for his good humor and dedication to the Seabees. He will be deeply missed by all !  
BUC Chief Charles Klouser and wife Diane

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**Charles and Diane Klouser** - July 10, 2006 at 06:59 PM

PB

“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. John helped welcome me aboard into the Navy, and was a good sailor, a good man, and a good friend.  
Very repectfully, Commander Paul Branson

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**Paul Branson** - July 10, 2006 at 01:05 PM

EA

“ Pat,  
Sorry for your loss. John was a very kind and special person. He always made people laugh and was just a great person. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Emelia Altomari** - July 10, 2006 at 12:36 PM

JN

“ John was one of the best employees I ever had. He was dedicated and very professional in every aspect of his job. He had a great sense of humor that made it so easy to work with him. Even though I retired years ago I would still run into John once and awhile and we would share a laugh and old times. I will really miss him.

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**james nicolo** - July 10, 2006 at 09:19 AM

EW

“ Patti, Danelle and Amy, We are so sorry for your loss and pain at this time. May you ease this pain with wonderful loving memories. Danelle, keep looking in those books where Daddy hid the money. Amy I know he loved getting your son dirty just so you would yell at him. MAY THEY BE FOND MEMORIES.

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**Ed and Dot Wol;f** - July 08, 2006 at 07:08 PM

SK

“ John C. Wilbiekaitis

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**SHERRY M. KANE** - July 08, 2006 at 12:44 PM

JM

*“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOHN. HE WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIRING. I KNOW HE MENTIONED ALMOST DAILY. HE JUST WANTED TO GET THAT 40 YEAR PIN FOR WHATEVER REASON. I WILL MISS HIS LAUGHTER AND STORIES AS ALL OF US WILL. TO THE FAMILY I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS FOR SHARING HIM WITH US AND YOU'LL BE IN OUR PRAYERS.*

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**JIM MC MULLEN** - July 08, 2006 at 12:40 PM

BW

*“ Our condolences go out to Pat and the family. I just found out this morning. John was a good guy and we have fond memories of you guys when we were all on Burton St. We will keep each of you in our prayers.*

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**Bob & Marie Weinert** - July 08, 2006 at 08:34 AM

RP

“ I knew John for many years at Philadelphia and I will miss him very very much. He was much more than a technical guy - he was street smart, funny, soft-hearted, and tough when he needed to get the job done. John was knowledgeable and savvy about many things, ALRE, all kinds of hardware, plumbing, facilities, ships and the list goes on and on. He loved working to help the Navy and the DoD. He really loved his family and especially his daughters - he spoke fondly of them many times to me. I will never forget his wry smile and hearty laughter, his tenacious pursuit of solutions to the most vexing problems, and his uncanny ability to get to the meat of every problem that crossed his desk. He was a dedicated digger for information on the old-fashioned telephone and Al Gore's internet. I was proud to have known John and I will miss him like a brother. John will surely keep that "Navy in the Sky" sailing for a good long time - he was one of a kind. My very heartfelt sympathy to John's family and friends.

*John: You left us too soon*

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**Rob Pezick** - July 07, 2006 at 06:12 PM

GA

“ So Sorry about John's passing. He surely will be missed, especially by his cootie friends.

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**Gloria Burke, PGP MOC Aux.** - July 07, 2006 at 03:51 PM

DS

“ My heart was very sad when I heard of John's passing, it's seldom we get to meet our spouse of the people we work with. I have the opportunity to meet and get to know John's through Pat. My memories of John's was a man who was extremely funny and full of life. You never knew what John's would say and that made him a fun people to be around.

*Pat, I'm sorry for your lost and hope your time of sadness would be replace with the fond memories of John.*

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**Diane Sturgis** - July 07, 2006 at 01:51 PM

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“ OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES GO TO PAT AND DAUGHTERS. WE WHO KNEW JOHN WILL MISS HIM DEEPLY. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDED HELP, ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND THAT ORNERY GRIN ACROSS HIS FACE WHEN HE THOUGHT HE KNEW SOMETHING THAT YOU DIDN'T. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND COUNTRY AND WAS A LOYAL FRIEND TO THOSE OF US WHO WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE HIM AS SUCH. GOD BLESS YOU JOHN.

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**AL & DIANE RADFORD** - July 07, 2006 at 01:49 PM

KM

“ Although I didn't personally know John, we used to pass each other in the hall and speak every time we saw each other. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always made me smile. I am truly saddened and my most heart felt sympathies go out to his family. Peace be with you.

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**Kimberly Mitchell** - July 07, 2006 at 01:25 PM

PH

“ *Our sympathies go out to John's family. The members of The Military Order of the Cootie, Auxiliary #69 Spotswood, N.J.*  
*Pat Harris Chaplain*

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**Patricia G. Harris** - July 07, 2006 at 11:14 AM

DW

“ *God Bless the family.*

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**Denise Williams** - July 07, 2006 at 10:19 AM

SM

“ *Ahh...but it wasn't so long ago that Yawnie was coming to our house on his 21st birthday to have that long overdue Ortlieb with our Mom. He would come by when on leave, and Mom wouldn't let him have that beer, he had to be 21. When he reached that milestone, we all knew it! He was a friend of our brother, Tom Morris, and always had a smile for the rest of us. I'm so sorry for you loss, I'm sure he's left behing many sad hearts today.*

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**Susie (Morris) Mason** - July 07, 2006 at 08:29 AM

DV

“ *Your sense of humor, love, and concern for everyone you touched will be missed forever!! God bless you  
May your spirit light the way for us all.*

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**Dan & Marge Viveiros** - July 07, 2006 at 07:30 AM

SS

“ John's "can do" spirit was a perfect match for the USMC Expeditionary Airfield Team, one of many teams he supported at Navy Lakehurst. The entire Team is sad to have lost such a friend but proud to have known such a fine man. Our deepest sympathies to to all of John's family and friends. Semper Fi!

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**Scott Swain** - July 07, 2006 at 06:50 AM

VT

“ We remember Johon as a person who met You with the smile and went a mile to help You.  
He was willing to tackle problems tha no one else would touch/able to touch.  
John will be forever with every one who ever got in touch with John.  
We are going to miss him.

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**Valery Turkov** - July 07, 2006 at 06:30 AM

FJ

“ John will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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**Fred Buri Jr** - July 06, 2006 at 09:38 PM

RD

“ To my uncle/godfather john:  
I was lucky enough to have you as both & will never forget all the fun times we had together. What can you say about my uncle john he was a 1st class act he was a great guy who was always there for you & always had a joke for you too. It just doesn't get any better than that. Whenever i hear babula's wedding day i think of my uncle john. I will miss you Uncle John more than words can say or express.

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**Ryan Doran** - July 06, 2006 at 06:02 PM

TS

“ Dear Pat and family, please accept my deepest sympathy at your great loss. I worked with John and enjoyed our trips to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. John was a special person who will be missed by all who came in contact with him. I will miss his humor when I make future trips to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. I am sure that he will be with us in spirit.

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**Thomas M. Sullivan** - July 06, 2006 at 03:10 PM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. We grew up with John (AKA "Yawnie"). He and my brother Tom Morris were best friends growing up and Yawnie was always over our house. We last saw Yawnie 8 years ago at my brother's funeral. Our prayers are with your family.

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**Maryann and Tom Luczkowski** - July 06, 2006 at 02:03 PM

BP

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Danelle and her family. John was a truly great person all around and will be dearly missed. His sense of humor will never be forgotten.

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**Beth Pfaff** - July 06, 2006 at 11:01 AM

RR

“ Big John, I'll miss our talks, I'll leave the chair at my desk open for you.

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**Richard Ryons** - July 06, 2006 at 09:32 AM

JP

“ Our *DEEPEST* condolences to John's Family. We will miss him so dearly. John and I used to chat on the way back from the cafeteria (yup...he DID visit the caf occasionally ;)). When we spoke last he told me he intended to retire and stay home to spoil his kids and grandkids. (Like John wouldn't have done that *BEFORE* retirement!) Our prayers are with you..it must be *SO* difficult! I feel blessed to have known him. Thank you for sharing him with us each day.

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**Joyce Pezick** - July 06, 2006 at 09:30 AM

GD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. John was beloved by many people. He truly was a special man and I will always remember him and all of the helpful advice he has given me through the years. He was my "go-to" man and problem solver.I will never forget him.

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**Gina Devita** - July 06, 2006 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ My sincere sympathies for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting John 4 years ago through my company, Triman Industries in W. Berlin. I've had occasion to visit DSCP and have always made it a point to stop and visit John. He always had a new 'mask' to wear, a new joke to play on someone, or a new story about what he did with his grandson. He always told me that he truly enjoyed spoiling his grandson and even more....making his daughter mad in the process! :) He will be truly missed by me, and all of those who he touched at Triman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**DIANE MALLOY** - July 06, 2006 at 08:36 AM

BL

“ *May God be with you and Bless you with his neverending Love. The Lord is my Rock and my Salvation, whom shall I fear. He is the strength of my life, whom shall I fear.*  
*Bernice Lundy*

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**Bernice Lundy** - July 06, 2006 at 08:30 AM

JR

“ *I knew John for over 30 years and worked with him in ASO Public Works, DISC & DSCP. I'll miss him.*

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**Jim Rossi** - July 06, 2006 at 08:18 AM

MJ

“ *Very sorry to hear about John. He was well liked and thought of. He will be deeply missed.*  
*Take care,*  
*Mr. and Mrs Robert Joyce*

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**Mickie Joyce** - July 06, 2006 at 08:09 AM

MG

“ *Dear Pat and Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. John was one of a kind. He made it enjoyable to come to work. I learned so many things from him.*

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**Michael Garfield** - July 06, 2006 at 08:02 AM

TH

“ *HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US*

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**TONY HALAS** - July 06, 2006 at 07:29 AM

RP

“ John will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. I worked with and supervised John for several years at the Defense Industrial Supply Center. He was a dedicated and conscientious employee and the recipient of many distinguished awards. John will best be remembered for his wit and endless list of stories. Having travelled with John on several occasions to Lakehurst, he always made the trip enjoyable with his stories. I extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Pat and your lovely daughters and may you have strength knowing that others are sharing in your terrible loss of a husband and father.  
With deepest sympathy Robert Powelson

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**Robert Powelson** - July 06, 2006 at 06:42 AM