



## *John R. Walsh*

**October 17, 1926 - November 16, 2015**

**Resided in Windsor, CT**

### **Obituary**

John R. Walsh, 89, of Windsor, beloved husband of Marie (Quinn) Walsh, passed away Monday, November 16, 2015. Only son of the late John Brendan Walsh and Mary (Dunderdale) Walsh, John was born in Norwich, CT on October 17, 1926 and spent the majority of his life residing in Windsor. While in college, John was inducted into the US Navy and honorably served during World War II. He returned to complete his education at Arnold College in New Haven and later received a master's degree in physical education from New York University. After a few years of teaching, John began a fascinating career in insurance investigation and retired as a licensed detective with Equifax in 1989.

The most enjoyable moments in his subsequent career were spent in professional baseball, not as a player but as a scout for new talent. From the crack of the bat to the smell of the hot-dogs, John loved baseball and proudly worked as a Scout until the age of 88. He began scouting for the Cleveland Indians and after some time went to the Cincinnati Reds where he later retired after 30 years of service.

John was fun-loving, up for adventure and always made time for the people and events most important to him. He made it a priority to be present in the lives of his family. "Baseball Grandpa," as he was affectionately called by his grandchildren, was front and center for every dance recital, sporting event, field trip, concert, scout meeting, wedding, and graduation. He invented the game of "Mystery Rides" where he urged family members to follow him in a caravan of cars to undisclosed locations for fun and whimsy. John was a devoted and loving husband to Marie for over 63 years of marriage, and throughout her illness was supportive of her needs in recent years. John was a well-loved man who lived each day to the fullest leaving behind a rich legacy of memories. Despite his many professional accomplishments and extraordinary life experiences, John always said his proudest achievement was his family.

In addition to his wife Marie, his memory is forever cherished by four sons, John W. Walsh and his wife Dawnmarie Finocchi of Hingham, MA, Michael P. Walsh and his wife Ellen of Wethersfield, Patrick B. Walsh of Windsor, Brendan Walsh and his wife Rosita of Wethersfield; three daughters, Maureen Pollard and Dan Mulryan of Glastonbury, Eileen Hunkeler and her husband Ted of East Hartford, Kathleen Hutchison and her husband David of Farmington; eighteen grandchildren, Brendan, Kelsey, Marty, Seana, John, David, Sheila, Kevin, Greg, Jillian, Katherine, Allison, Michael, Kelly, Brittany, Joli, Bella, Reneé and a great-grandson, Lael. He also leaves two nieces, Sheila Lamenzo of Windsor and Judy (Tedeschi) LaPage of Canterbury and a nephew, David Tedeschi of Norwich.

John's family will receive friends on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 from 5-8 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Carmon Funeral Home with burial and military honors following in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery. John's family sincerely thanks Dr. Mark Dailey and the staff of The Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, as well as Kimberly Hall North staff for their support and care. Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851 or by visiting, <http://www.themmr.org/>.