
John Flynn(1935 - 2016)

John L. Flynn

April 23, 1935 - January 15, 2016

John Lawrence Flynn Jr., a native of San Francisco and resident of The City, passed away peacefully last Friday.

John was born on April 23, 1935, the first son of John Lawrence Flynn, born in San Francisco in 1882 to Mike Flynn and Anne Clarke, who were both born in 1854 in County Leitrim, Ireland and Elizabeth Katherine Stumpf, born in Davis, West Virginia in 1899 to Theodore Stumpf born in 1872 in Oberwittstadt, Baden, Germany, and Marie Schwazinga, born in the 1870s in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland). John Sr. was a star baseball player for St. Mary's College in Moraga and for the Oakland Oaks. His father was Director of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for San Francisco and the entire western U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s. His mother was private secretary to James "Sunny Jim" Rolph, Mayor of the City of San Francisco during the 1920s and sang opera with the Pacific Opera Company as a soprano. His father passed away in 1949 and mother in 1994 in San Francisco. His brother Robert Michael Flynn, born in San Francisco on December 30, 1936, passed away in 2005 in San Francisco.

John attended Notre Dame des Victoires in the class of 1949, Presidio Junior High, Archbishop Riordan High School in the class of 1953, the first graduating class of the school. He graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. John served as a Staff Sergeant in the 305th Logistical Command of the US Army Reserves for six years, 1957 to 1962, and was stationed in the Presidio. He worked for Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco for 33 years, mostly in the Real Estate Trust Department. John loved to travel, the theater and music, Real Estate investing and spending time with his friends.

He is survived by his brother Daniel Clarke Flynn, born in San Francisco on May 10, 1939, now living in Verviers and Brussels, Belgium and his wife Kate McNally; his nephew Dan Flynn and his wife Trudi and their three children Arianna, Isabella, and Liam of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; his niece Theresa Flynn of Arlington, Virginia; and his second cousins Andrew, Barbara, Elizabeth and Derrick Stumpf from the Los Angeles area. John was cared for in these recent years by his friend of nearly 40 years, Rob Mills of Walnut Creek, formerly of The City.

As per his request, there will be no services. John had made prior arrangements with the Neptune Society.

From Walt Whitman's Song of Myself in Leaves of Grass:

"What do you think has become of the young and old men?
And what do you think has become of the women and children?
They are alive and well somewhere,
The smallest sprout shows there is really no death,
And if ever there was it led forward life, and does not wait at the end to arrest it,
And ceas'd the moment life appeared.
All goes onward and outward, nothing collapses,
And to die is different from what any one supposed, and luckier."

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