



# John Joseph Klak

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## **John Joseph Klak**

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**W**ith Dignity and Courage, John fought hard and lost his battle from complications of Lymphoma. Born in Pottsville, PA on September 8, 1960, he was the son of the late Michael J. Sr. and Theresa E. Klak, both of Frackville, PA. He was a 1978 graduate of North Schuylkill High School and the North Area Vocational Technical School. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. John served honorably in the U.S. Navy for 20 years retiring in July 1998. John worked as a Deputy Correctional Probation Officer at San Diego County Juvenile Hall, where he found his true calling in helping others. He has been a Substance Abuse Counselor for 10 years, and for the past 5 years he found his niche working at SARP, Port Loma, CA serving active duty military. John's co-workers from SARP recently honored him by naming their weekly award to a patient as "The John Klak Most Improved Patient Award" John was very humbled by this honor. He had an incredible witty sense of humor and smile which was shared by all. He will truly be missed by many. He is survived by his loving sister Mariann Theresa Young and her husband Donald B. of Pottsville, PA Loving brother Michael J. Klak of Stockton, CA Many cousins and a host of friends who will greatly miss him as well. John will be inurned at Miramar National Cemetery September 28, 2016 @ 9:30AM In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in John's memory: Veterans Village of San Diego 4141 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA [www.vvsd.net/donate](http://www.vvsd.net/donate)



## Tribute Wall

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**John Connolly** posted:

I was just remembering the wonderful times we served together on the USS Vincennes CG-49. I have only great memories with Jay he had such a wonderful personality and a huge and unforgettable smile. You touched so many people. You are missed by many. Rest in peace my friend.

January 26 at 12:18 PM



**Sergio Grdina** posted:

In the most difficult time of my life as a young man, you were there for me to be a father and take care of me when my own family abandoned me. I miss you so much John, and will always love you, forever.-Love Sergio

September 4 at 1:20 PM



**James Thomas** posted:

John I pray for eternal rest of your soul loved our conversations James

September 29 at 6:50 AM



**Tracy** posted:

My last and fondest memory of John was the last time I witnessed his heart beating. He was resting in his living room and his loving, compassionate and nurturing sister, Mariann said, "Jay was freshly was freshly shaved, just for your visit!" I laughed, John chuckled and had a grin that lit up the room. John, you will be missed beyond belief and will always hold a special place in my heart! R. I. P. my friend! Tracy

September 22 at 1:40 PM



**Mariann** posted:

Jay, I miss you more than you will ever know. The emptiness I feel is just that, emptiness. I hope you are at peace and I want you to know I Love You so. Your Loving Sister, Mariann

September 17 at 4:37 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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