



John Joseph Doll

September 8, 1948 - May 20, 2021

John Joseph Doll of Mooresville, North Carolina went to his heavenly home on May 20, 2021 at the age of 72 surrounded by his loving wife and children. John was born on September 8, 1948 in Mercer County, Ohio and grew up in Coldwater, Ohio to Helene and Anthony Doll. He attained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Bowling Green State University in 1971 and attained a master's degree in physical chemistry from Penn State University in 1974. Upon college graduation, he began a remarkable 35-year career with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), beginning as a junior Patent Examiner and then quickly moving into leadership positions, including Supervisory Patent Examiner, Director of the Biotechnology Patent Examination Technology Center, and Special Assistant to the USPTO Director. In 2005, he was appointed to the position of Commissioner for Patents. In November 2008 he became the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO. Before retiring in October 2009, he was appointed Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the USPTO. He received many distinguished awards from the Department of Commerce and also received the Vice-Presidential Hammer Award. After retirement he began a second very successful career as a much sought-after expert witness and consultant of USPTO practice and procedure.

After college, John resided in Arlington, Virginia; Chantilly, Virginia; and Huntingtown, Maryland before retiring in 2009 and moving to Mooresville,

North Carolina.

John was an energetic, charismatic man devoted to family and friends. He loved boating, yard work and tinkering with his 1967 corvette. He treasured family vacations and was famous for his special margarita recipe. His quick wit, easygoing and welcoming attitude made him a friend to everyone. He volunteered regularly at church and other events and was a generous philanthropist. After his lung cancer diagnosis in 2019, he became an active advocate for lung cancer research.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Helene and Anthony Doll, and his brother, Robert. John is survived by his wife of 33 years, Patricia; his son Joshua and daughter-in-law Melissa of Winston-Salem, NC; his daughter Jessica Doll of Troutman, NC; his stepson Christopher Sexton and stepson-in-law Brian Pace of Manassas, VA; four grandchildren Spencer Doll, Brycen Doll, Evelyn Leverone, and Louise Leverone, his sister-in-law Phyllis Doll of Coldwater, OH; an aunt, Irene Schilling of Coldwater, OH; three nieces and one nephew; and eight grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at The Cove Church, 197 Langtree Road, Mooresville, NC on June 19, 2021 at 10 AM.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation, the Cancer Hope Network, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Doll family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM.

Cove Church

Tribute Wall

BW

“ I was a colleague of John’s at the Patent Office. We met around 1990, he was my director in the Biotech group from 1991 until his elevation to Commissioner. John was easy to work for; he was clear and direct and I always knew what he wanted me to do. He taught me a lot about leadership and management. He knew that I was expecting my second child before I did - he came to find me at a meeting to tell me my wife was on the phone. I’m not sure how he found out where it was but he appeared at my mother-in-law’s wake and was very kind. I will miss John very much and wish to send sincere condolences to the Doll family.

Bob Wax - June 18, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Doll.



June 16, 2021 at 06:33 PM

EC

“ It is very difficult to encapsulate all that John and the Doll family means to us. We were lucky to have known John and the Doll's for over 30 years and consider them best friends. From our days in the neighborhood in Chantilly, to their move to Maryland, then onto North Carolina, we were truly blessed with many terrific memories and special times. His ability to make everyone in his presence feel important, uplifted, and well loved were just a few of his gifts. His famous purple shorts, his “energizer bunny” attitude, our manny dinners together, the hum of the well tuned '67 Corvette, along with his constant laughter are some of what we remember most about John. He saw and recognized the good in people and his positivity was infectious. We vividly remember leaving restaurants with our meal in tow due to the ongoing stories, laughter, and talking that we shared. His ability to give it his all, his nature to never give up, and his philosophy to live life to the fullest helped to carve him into the epitome of greatness. John's memory is forever etched within us and we are truly better people for having known him.

Ed and Pam Cove

Ed and Pam Cove - June 02, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MD

Ed & Pam - you captured so perfectly the essence of the Dolls. It brought happy tears to my eyes.

Milt Davenport - June 03, 2021 at 10:50 AM

EC

Thank you, Milt. He was one of the best and now he's watching over all of us from above. We are pleased you found our words to be helpful. We continue to pray for the family and know that his spirit continues to live on in all who's lives he touched.

Ed and Pam Cove - June 05, 2021 at 10:00 PM

TH

“ Praying for the Doll Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Tiffany Haynes - May 27, 2021 at 11:56 PM

VA

“ I had the pleasure of working with John at the USPTO for the final 2 years of his career. It still seems to me the time was much longer because of the incredible impact he had on me and so many others that started around my time. John approached his job with such joy and such a tremendous sense of purpose, but he was also completely unafraid to cut loose with us youngins. I had the privilege of teaching him how to play flip cup at a work holiday party in 2007 and it is still a career highlight for me. I am grateful for all of the leadership lessons that he embodied every day in his work and passed on to those around him--be unwaveringly passionate about what you do, be kind, treat everyone with dignity and respect, and have fun. He will be deeply missed.

Victoria Augustine - May 27, 2021 at 08:35 AM

SR

“ I only got to know John over the last two years and despite many Zoom calls was never privileged enough to meet him. Despite that, he truly had an outsized impact on my life. He was an ardent advocate for more lung cancer research and worked with me tirelessly to make that a reality. Many times his attitude lifted my day. Especially as it came across in various email communications where he would ask me about my twin boys. I will miss him. The world will.

Sam Rogers
Lung Cancer Research Foundation

Sam Rogers - May 26, 2021 at 04:58 PM

FP

“ My deepest sympathy for Patricia and the whole family at such a deep loss. John was my Big Brother at Phi Kappa Tau while we were at BGSU. He also was my Best Man at our wedding on June 27, 1979. He holds an important place in my life and in my heart. I will look forward to seeing him again in heaven.

Fred Perkins - May 26, 2021 at 12:33 AM

FP

Wedding date was 1970, not 1979.

Fred Perkins - May 26, 2021 at 12:35 AM

RM

“ My smypathy to the Doll family. I remember John when he was still living in Coldwater. I always admired him & his corvette while growing up. His entire family was great people. May he rest in peace.

Rick Moorman

Coldwater, Oh.

Rick Moorman - May 25, 2021 at 08:38 PM



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Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - May 25, 2021 at 02:17 PM

NH

*Pat and family,
I am so very sorry to hear about John's passing. My husband recently passed from lung cancer. It is a devastating disease. My thoughts are with you and your family in your time of sorrow. Should you want to talk feel free to contact me.*

*John's cousin,
Nancy Hartings*

Nancy Hartings - May 25, 2021 at 07:57 PM

MD

“ *My wife & I had known John since the mid to late 70s when we neighbors living in Chantilly, VA and our kids were young. I had lost contact after I retired in 2011. Fortunately I found John via social media in September 2019 when we began to text one another frequently. John shared with me the details of his many challenges as well as his deep love for his family. Our last text was on Monday, May 17th. I am deeply sadden on losing my friend John. Rest In Peace buddy. You were loved by not only your family, but by many friends and work associates.*

Milt Davenport - May 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM

JD

Thank you Milt for your kind words -Jessica

Jessica Doll - May 26, 2021 at 09:18 PM

MD

Jessica, my heart goes out to Trish, you, Joshua, Christopher and your families. One of my fond memories is a picture your dad texted me of you, your twins and John with HUGE smilies. John was able to find such joy despite the pain he was experiencing. HUGS to all of you from Mary & I and our daughter, son-in-law and grand daughter.

Milt Davenport - May 26, 2021 at 11:51 PM

RA

Trish and family, we are so sorry, we missed you from the day you left Huntingtown. John was an awesome guy, dad, husband and friend. Love you all.
Ralph & Denise

Ralph Almaraz - May 27, 2021 at 05:12 PM

BH

Trish, my sympathy to you and your family. May fond memories of happy times give you comfort as you grieve.
Barbara Harris (from Curves)

Barbara Harris - July 16, 2021 at 09:30 AM



Jessica if you happen to see this, I would love to connect. I'm a distant family member on the west coast. Reach out if you can. 951 443 7484 or mrsmathwiz@gmail.com -Victoria

Maddie Tiara - January 18, 2023 at 06:52 PM