

John M. Goricki
Deceased October 21, 2021
John was President Elect USS POWER DD 839 Association
John served aboard the
USS POWER DD 839 from 1962 to 1966 –SM3



John M. Goricki November 8, 1942 - October 21, 2021 (78 years old)
Lexington, South Carolina



Obituary John Goricki, 78, of The Villages at Southlake, Lexington, SC passed away peacefully in Lexington Medical Center on October 21, 2021. John was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on November 8, 1942. The son of the late August and Margaret Duch Goricki.

He is survived by his wife Julia; her 3 children, Karen, Eddie and Julie; his sister Barbara Orfitelli of Davenport, Iowa; 2 nieces, Christa and Amanda Orfitelli; a nephew Michael Orfitelli; his son Michael Goricki of West Columbia; his daughter Sonya and husband John Riddle; a grandson August Riddle of St. Augustine, Fl.; his granddaughter Victoria Catherine; and 3 great-grandchildren, Chloe, Ava Davis and Sylvia.

John grew up in Rankin, Pa., where his parents had a funeral home. John was a graduate of Rankin High School. He graduated from George Mason University with a degree in English Literature and History. John retired from AT&T and then worked as a wine consultant. John loved life and people; he had never met a stranger. He loved classical music; his favorites were Beethoven and Mozart and also opera, which he attended each month at Villa Tronco. He loved to travel overseas and the USA with Julia, read his Wall Street Journal and doing crosswords. He loved his new life and the people at The Village, Happy Hour, Bingo, and Trivia. He was a member of The American Wine Society and the Bill Tuller Chapter of the American Wine Society. John served in the US Navy from 1961 to 1966. He served aboard the USS Power DD 839. He loved his time in the Navy and all of the lifelong friends he made while in the Navy. He was very proud to have served his country. John really enjoyed attending his Navy Reunions every year; he always had fun and enjoyed seeing his shipmates.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 5 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery (4170 Percival Rd, Columbia, SC 29229).