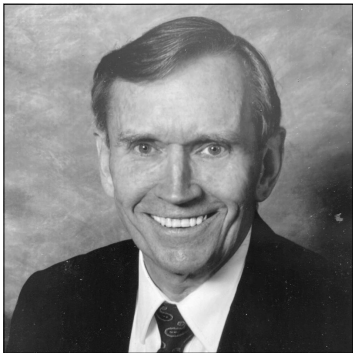


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JOHN RICHARD POWERS

John Richard Powers of Alexandria, VA died peacefully at home on June 30, 2022. The son of Richard and Gladys Powers, John was born in Minneapolis, MN on October 1, 1934. He was awarded a BS from Columbia University in NYC, a MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Physics from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. John served four years on active duty in the US Marine Corps and more than two decades in the reserves, rising to the rank of Colonel. In his military career he piloted attack fighters and served as the commanding officer of VMA-131, manager of the USMC Mobilization Plan, and architect of the DOD Master Mobilization Plan.

In his civilian life John continued to serve his country with dedication and integrity, working in multiple areas of public policy with a focus on contingency planning, safety, and disaster preparedness. Career highlights include terms as Director of the DOE Interim Alternative Fuels Program; Director of the FEMA Offices of Federal Preparedness and Civil Preparedness; FEMA Regional Director in Chicago for MN, WI, IL, IN, OH and MI, overseeing the response in those states to

the great Midwest flood of 1993; Chairman of the FirTH Alliance LLC; Executive Director of the President's Commission for Critical Infrastructure Protection; Project Manager for a DOD and ODNI effort to reduce the risk of nuclear terrorism; and Coordinator for the National Capitol Region Mass Trauma Plan. He is the author of *In Search of the Divine*, exploring our "profound longing for a connection beyond ourselves."

In his private life John found joy in travel and athletics, visiting Europe, South America, and South Asia. Highlights included climbing Mount Mera in Nepal, and touring Machu Picchu. He bicycled and jogged to stay fit, loved skiing in Colorado and Vermont, and passionately played and coached fast-pitch softball until the final year of his life, most recently with the DC Wildcats. John devotedly served his community as a mentor and scout leader. He was deeply dedicated to his family, who remember him warmly as a man who dispensed blunt advice yet also sought out opinions contrary to his own, who held and who lived by strong moral beliefs, and who always wanted to hear what was going on in the lives of those dear to him. John was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Robert Powers. Survivors include beloved partner of 23 years, Margarita Lobo; Jane Powers and Michael Green, Dana Powers-Green and Fonda Lucas; Jen Powers, David Powers and Megan Paustian, Alisa Powers and Mark Sykes; Fernando R. Lobo; Fernando Lobo and Maria Vargas; and Catalina Lobo.

A service will be held at Semper Fidelis Chapel (1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA) at 9 AM on 22 July, to be followed by 11 a.m. military funeral honors at Quantico National Cemetery (meet at 10:45 AM) (18424 Joplin Rd, Triangle, VA), and 12 p.m. picnic/memorial gathering (Telegraph Picnic Pavilion, Prince William Park Forest, Triangle, VA; The Powers family will pay park entrance fees for all attendees). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to My Sister's Place (DC) or Marine Heritage Foundation.