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# **Obituary of John Beckermeyer, Jr.**

Beckermeyer, John, age 72 of Rio Grande, NJ was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 4, 2021 after many years suffering with Alzheimer's. John was born in Philadelphia to the late Nancy and John Beckermeyer, Sr. John enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1966 and served 4 years Active Duty with 2 of those years in Vietnam with Fox 2/5. He later enlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserve and retired after 26 years as a SgtMaj in Civil Affairs in Washington, DC. He also retired after 29 years at the Philadelphia Department of Prisons as a Deputy Warden. John spent many hours reading, listening and singing along to his favorite music especially Frank Sinatra and golfing when he had the time. He was a part-time ranger for a few years at the Stone Harbor Golf Club, a school bus aid for the Middle Twp. elementary students and he also sang for a few years with the Harmoniers, a group that entertained part-time in the surrounding Shore areas in the Summer months and at Holidays. John is survived by his wife of 49 years Ruth (nee Leone) and sons Jonathan (Jackie) and Brandon, and his precious granddaughter Ava, his aunt Georgette Strano of Florida and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents, and brother Russell D'Agata. A Memorial Service will be held at a later time. Donations in his memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Condolences can be shared at www.EvoyFuneralHome.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of John Beckermeyer, Jr., please visit [Tribute Store](https://evoy-funeral-home.tributecenterstore.com/?oId=19926715)

Services for John Beckermeyer, Jr.

There are no events scheduled. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or planting a memorial tree in memory of John Beckermeyer, Jr..

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[Roy Barksdale](https://evoyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2839/John-Beckermeyer-Jr/condolences.html?visitorId=13089#content-start) posted a condolence

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

John was my supervisor when he worked for the Philadelphia Prisons and was an attendee at my wedding. This man was so honorable that when he was ordered to give me an unfavorable evaluation, he refused to do so and told his superiors that I was one of his best employees. Being an African American, his gesture of fairness to me had an everlasting effect on my life. I loved John for his fairness and I hope that his wife remembers attending my wedding. John is a great man.

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[K.anderson](https://evoyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2839/John-Beckermeyer-Jr/condolences.html?visitorId=13087#content-start) posted a condolence

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*

My God bless you and keep you. He was my training Sgt when I started my career as a Correction officer in 1983, some time we didn't see eye to eye . But he was a real man of conviction, he was a man who made sure the job got done. May God bless you and keep you. Correctional officer K.M. Anderson

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[Brandon Beckermeyer](https://evoyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2839/John-Beckermeyer-Jr/condolences.html?visitorId=13084#content-start)posted a symbolic gesture

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*



Dad: You fought to fight communism with your tours in Vietnam and got Alzheimer's due to your tours. They couldn't kill you in Vietnam but you passed due to another war that started in a communist country, Covid. How upsetting. They couldn't break you in battle, they couldn't break your spirt to fight, but they could break you with something you couldn't control. I love you and miss you Dad.

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[Brandon Beckermeyer](https://evoyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2839/John-Beckermeyer-Jr/condolences.html?visitorId=13083#content-start) lit a candle

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*



I miss you Dad.