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John Huntley Steib was born on October 28, 1935, in Vacherie, Louisiana, into a large, fun-loving Creole family. The family resided in St. James Parish and attended Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. He was a quiet, curious child who enjoyed sports, helped with household "farming" chores, and even owned a pigeon coop.

After graduating from high school, John decided to leave Louisiana and enlisted in the US Navy in San Diego, California, where he was a machinist. His travels with the Navy took him to various places, including Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Hawaii.

After his Navy discharge in 1959, he moved to Oakland, California, where he met and married Lottie Hill in 1963.

John held various jobs, which included being a mechanic and painter, but soon realized his passion was construction. He founded John Steib Construction in 1975 and never looked back. Although he wasn't a man of many words, he enjoyed helping others. He had an endless number of clients, including many famous people such as Reggie Jackson and Shyamla Gopalan Harris, the mother of VP Kamala Harris.

John was an early bird and often said the day was almost over at noon. He would begin his day at a donut shop in Berkeley with his normal early morning crew, complete his work for the day and end his day by visiting various places such as Ashby Lumber Company, Sterling Chevron and the Bank of the West (now BMO) and tell them how to run their businesses (hah hah!). John enjoyed growing vegetables and cooking, and his favorite meals to cook included gumbo, red beans and rice, turkey wings, and BBQ.

John leaves his daughters, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to share his memory, as well as a host of family members and close friends. John will truly be missed.



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HM

Howard Mitchell posted:

John and i met and became friends in the Navy in 1955. I think back on the times that he brought many of us to his aunt's home for a home-cooked meal! We remained friends after our military service and talked often about many subjects. Our friendship spanned 70 years! I last spoke with him a few days before he passed. I will miss you "Sonny Boy!" Mitch

June 30 at 5:25 PM

FP

Francine Price posted:

John, for me was like that favorite uncle I always wish I had. He was to become like a son to my mother and when he introduced us to his new bride, lovely Lottie, soon became my brand new auntie. John was generous, dependable, frank and a "straight to the point" kind of close family friend. One that will truly be missed far beyond my ability to describe, but nonetheless will forever be a memorable part of my early youth development and far beyond. His daughters were his pride and joy and they have been blessedly rewarded with having John Steib to call their "Dad" and Lottie... "Mom!"

June 28 at 2:36 AM

RB

Rouchand Bush June 29 at 7:49 PM

We are grateful to have you in our lives still, Francine...my very first babysitter ❤️

SZ

Sharon Steib Zeno posted:

I was truly BLESSED that my Uncle Huntly would always call to check in and chat. What I enjoyed the most was our sharing what we were cooking for the day. Most of the time I didn't quite meet his standards of a proper meal, but I got a pass. I am going to miss you Uncle Huntley. Sharon Steib Zeno

June 27 at 6:07 PM

RB

Rouchand Bush June 29 at 7:48 PM

Love this, Sharon! I always got scolded for not having dinner ready at 1pm on Sundays! And it definitely needed to be a proper Sunday meal or I'd get scolded!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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