



# Mr. John Bellas

JUL 8, 1921 - AUG 11, 2017



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### **J**ohn Peter Bellas (July 8, 1921 – August 11, 2017)

John Peter Bellas was born in Chicago, Illinois, and passed away in his home in Pinellas Park, Florida. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 73 years and devoted children. He was the firstborn of five sons to Greek immigrants, Peter Bellas and Helen Chelemengos.

John met the love of his life, Furnia Reep, during WWII at an airplane-manufacturing factory in early 1944. They were married on November 4, 1944. They were blessed with 4 children: Donna Elynne (Poucher), Patricia Ann (Scholtz), Jonathan Edward, and Kathleen Angela (Newsome).

After the war, John worked for Motorola in production planning and moonlighted as a TV repairman to supplement the family income. In 1969, he purchased a Dunkin' Donuts Franchise. He became a baker, business owner, and manager – a long held dream. He ran the shop in Worth, Illinois, for 20 years before selling the franchise. In 1983, he and Furnia purchased a Baskin Robbins Franchise, which she managed until 1992. After retiring, they traveled the world together.

John and Furnia were long-time members of Elim Evangelical Free Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. They practiced their faith and raised their children to love the Lord Jesus Christ and to respect God's Creation. He was an usher and treasurer for the church, and worked in the AWANA youth program.

John loved sports. The Cubs, the Bulls, the Bears, and the Black Hawks were his favorite teams. John was thrilled when the Cubs finally won the 2016 World Series.

He was a doting grandparent and great-grandparent having spent many happy moments celebrating special occasions, traveling with his children and grandchildren, and providing childcare when the need arose. His family and his faith were central to his life and he will be



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missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

His funeral service will be held on Friday, August 18th, at Liberty Baptist Church in St Petersburg, Florida, followed by the internment at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Suncoast Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

<https://suncoasthospice.org/donate/>



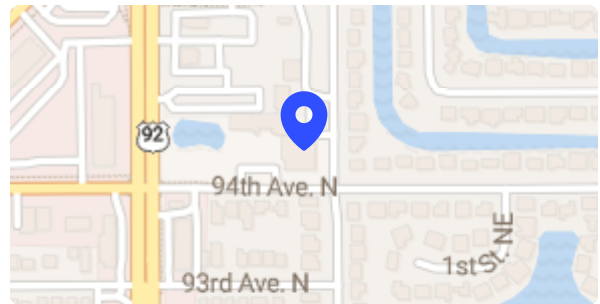
# Events

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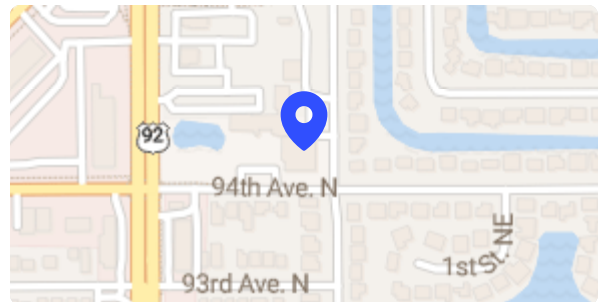
## Visitation

- Friday**, August 18, 2017
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Liberty Baptist Church**  
9401 4th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33702



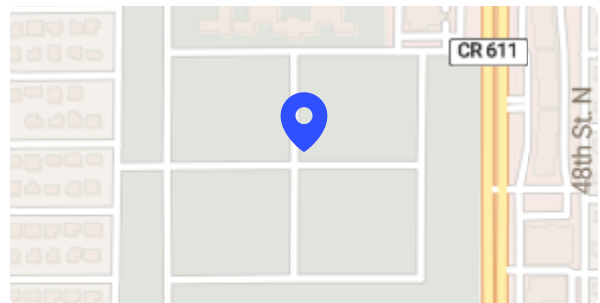
## Funeral Service

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9401 4th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33702



## Reception

- Friday**, August 18, 2017
- 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709





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**Charles Kalsted** posted:

To all of the Bellas Family, my heartfelt condolences. Mr. Bellas was a wonderful man with boundless energy, a quick smile and forgiving heart. It's taken a lifetime to relearn what I knew instinctively when we first met; that he was a gift from God. Charlie Kalsted

February 23 at 1:03 AM



**Toni** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bellas passing. He was one of my favorite patients. I will miss him. Toni Steward Bob Evans Hearing

August 28 at 8:09 AM



**Sandy Endicott** posted:

One of our many Christmas vacations together in Allen Park, Michigan.

August 17 at 6:22 AM



**Sandy Endicott** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Any time I look at family pictures or think of Uncle John, he is always smiling. I will always remember his welcoming hugs whenever we were together. We've spent so many summer and Christmas vacations together and they were always filled with lots of fun, good food, laughter and love. Uncle John's hard work, faith and love for family, relatives, and friends left a loving imprint on my heart. I will miss him along with many others.

August 17 at 6:21 AM



**Sandy Endicott** shared 2 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

August 17 at 6:12 AM





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**David Cabral** posted:

My wife, Sandy and I had a chance to visit Uncle John and Aunt Fern last year in their home and we even went out to Uncle Johns favorite greek restaurant. we had a great time while visiting and talking to them. Whenever I was a kid, I would always love to go to Oaklawn and spend time with my extened family, it always felt like a family reunion and big event in my life. Whenever I talked to Uncle John, it was mostly conversations about how the Chicago Cubs were doing that year or about the Detroit Tigers, good conversations!!!! He will be dearly missed and continually loved by the people who knew him.In loving memory of John Bellas,David Cabral and Family

August 17 at 4:51 AM



**Eleni Bizoukas** sent a Love's Journey to the Bellas family.



August 16 at 7:46 PM



**John Scholtz** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will always be in our hearts and thoughts grandpa. I will always look back fondly and cherish my memories of wonderful Chicago summers spent with you and grandma. I love you.



August 16 at 6:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Bellas family.



August 16 at 5:37 PM



**With Love, Larry, Jane, And Steven** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Bellas family.



August 16 at 7:59 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Bellas family.



August 16 at 3:33 AM



**Colin Scholtz** posted:

Grandpa was so full of love for us grandchildren - he would play whatever games we wanted just so he could spend time with us. He will be missed, but he will continue to be loved!

August 15 at 6:19 PM



**Patty Bellas** shared an album called **New Album Name.**



August 15 at 8:45 AM



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Henry & Dorothy's 45th Anniversary



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Christmas in Allen Park 1959



Hank & Dorothy's 45th Anniversary Celebration



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We love you Dad



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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