



## John P. Sahagian

July 17, 1942 - February 11, 2022

Dr. John Paul Sahagian, 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at his home in Libertyville, IL on Friday, February 11, 2022. Born July 17, 1942, John grew up in Waukegan before moving to Libertyville in 1957 where he graduated from Libertyville High School Class of '60. After attending Bradley University, John received his dental degree from University of Michigan. John was a United States Navy veteran and later earned a Master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He practiced dentistry for over 50 years and is the former president of the Lake County Public Health Department. A longtime member of St. George Armenian Apostolic Church in Waukegan, John had a deep faith and a profound love for Armenian culture and history. In retirement he published his first book, "Realogy," a book on physics theory, and enjoyed live music, dancing, reading, writing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

John is survived by his loving partner, Laura Donahue; 4 children, Anahis (Tom McDermott), Lev (Pam), John (Jennie) & Paul (Jill) Sahagian; grandchildren, David & Joseph Mattson, Julia, Jack, Addie, Ava, Lilly, Rosie, Samuel & Anne Sahagian; his mother, Lillian Sahagian; and his sister, Karin Sahagian. He is preceded in death by his father, Vernon Sahagian.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday at St. George Armenian Church, 1015 McAree Rd. Waukegan, IL, followed by interment at Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in John's name be made to St. George Armenian Church. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. George Armenian Apostolic Church  
1015 N. Mcaree Road  
Waukegan, IL 60085

# Tribute Wall

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“ Miles away from Illinois in Istanbul/Turkey, we heard the news with deep sadness, that we lost our cousin John-Paul. In this part of the world, the expression 'elder brother (aghparig in Armenian)' has a deep meaning: He was elder brother for us Hanamirian's whom we respected so much. He was also the link between us and the Sahagian part of our family.

*It was in sixties when he and our beloved aunt Verkine visited us here in Istanbul for the first time. I, my sister and my three cousins, we were all small children at that time, spoke no English but found innovative ways of communicating with him. I also still remember vividly the presents he brought to me - a big joy for a small kid.*

*Later we kept on communicating first with letters and then electronically. His messages were always full of wisdom and also stories from part of our family which were not known to us.*

*My most heartfelt condolences with all the Sahagians.  
Rest in peace cousin John-Paul.  
Vahe Hanamirian*

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**Vahe Hanamirian** - February 27, 2022 at 05:45 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.*



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February 16, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.*



February 15, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.*



February 15, 2022 at 06:17 PM



“ *Abdo's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. Sahagian.*



**Abdo's** - February 14, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ *Walt, Kelly, Jon and Jay Melcher purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John P. Sahagian.*



**Walt, Kelly, Jon and Jay Melcher** - February 14, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.



February 14, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ Many wonderful memories of our time in Waukegan....JP was such a nice boy, I was just a little girl, and a good friend of Karin's. I always wished that I had a brother just like him. My love and condolences sent to the family❤️

Nancy Heiden Weinheimer - February 13, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.



February 13, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John P. Sahagian.



February 13, 2022 at 04:32 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories was the very first night we met at a dance at the Diplomat. I was impressed with how great of a dancer he was with such good rhythm. We continued to dance the night away and closed the place. We had so much fun. We also enjoyed many outdoor summer concerts together. Love, Laura

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**Laura Donahue** - February 13, 2022 at 02:43 PM