



## **John Joseph McDonnell Jr., 81**

Navy veteran, honored NYPD Harbor Unit police officer John Joseph McDonnell Jr., 81, passed away on Oct. 15, 2017, at Richmond University Medical Center, due to natural causes. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., John lived on Staten Island for 40 years. He was a police officer in the NYPD Harbor Unit and retired in 1981, then worked as a U.S. Federal Court financial deputy, retiring in 2002.

He attended William Grady High School, then went to the New York Institute of Technology and received a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice in 1979. He served in the Navy from 1954 to 1962 as a DC3, aboard the USS Boston CAG-1 and USS Coral Sea CVA-43. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the NYPD Emerald Society, and the VFW.

John was honored with the National Defense Service Ribbon, was an NYPD Mayor's Trophy recipient, and a Meritorius and Excellent Police Duty recipient. He attended St. Joseph/St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid Yankees fan and an avid coin collector. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Noreen T. McDonnell; his sons, John J. III (Jeanine), Jeffrey T. (Christina), and Thomas P., and his grandchildren, Dylan, Keira, Danielle, and Jacqueline.