



John Tilotta Maltese

January 2, 1932 - December 22, 2025

John Tilotta Maltese, age 93 of Deaton Creek in Hoschton, GA, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025. He was born on January 2, 1932, in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

John was a proud veteran of the US Army serving from 1952 to 1955. He devoted his professional life to precision, innovation, and quiet excellence. A highly skilled mechanical draftsman, he contributed to the design and development of flight simulators, teaching machines, cameras, and audio intelligence devices—work that supported advances in aviation, education, and technology during a pivotal era of American engineering. Over the course of his career, he was employed by Curtiss-Wright, Edison Laboratories, Berkey/Keystone, Visual Graphics Corporation, and Mitel, where his technical expertise and attention to detail were widely respected.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Virginia Maltese, and by his cherished granddaughter, Larissa Maltese. John is survived by his sons, Jeff Maltese and his wife Terry of Vero Beach, Florida, and John Maltese and his wife Sue of Lawrenceville, Georgia; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, who carry forward his legacy of integrity, curiosity, and devotion to family.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, John had a deep and enduring love for Italian opera, particularly the works of Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini. *La Bohème* held a special place in his heart, reflecting his appreciation for beauty, emotion, and timeless artistry.

A Celebration of Life honoring John Tilotta Maltese will be held in the Stateroom of Flanigan Funeral Home on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 3:00 PM.

Stateroom of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family, may the Lord grant you comfort, peace and strength.*

On December 22, I lost a dear friend at the age of 93. We shared many Sunday mornings together at Waffle House, where simple breakfast turned into cherished moments of friendship. Waffle House John never showed up without a dozen of roses. He was always thoughtful and kind! John had a witty sense of humor and a gentle way of connecting with people. Even today “Big Daddy “ was asking about him at Waffle House! Even had a coffee cup made for him that said “Waffle House John” for his birthday.

I’m grateful for the friendship and for the time we had together and will carry those memories with me always. Janis Hale

Janis Hale - February 07 at 04:35 PM