



John F. Powers

November 27, 1932 - May 15, 2026

John Francis Powers, age 93, of Stamford, Connecticut passed away on May 15, 2026 surrounded by his family.

John Power (no “s”) was born in the small fishing village of Flatrock, Newfoundland, Canada on November 27, 1932 to Annie Kelly and Jackie Power. At the age of 16 he emigrated to the U.S, arriving by boat into Boston to live with relatives. During the immigration process, an “s” was added to his last name and he was forevermore known as John Powers. John moved to Greenwich, CT and began work at First National grocery store. He worked his way up to store manager and was with First National for over 40 years. John also worked for several years at Grand Central Market. In his later years, John worked as a driver for the Karl Chevrolet service department in New Canaan. John particularly liked his time at Karl because he met and enjoyed talking with so many customers.

John is a Korean War Army Veteran. He did basic training in Massachusetts, spent a year in Ft. Bliss Texas, and was ultimately stationed in Van Nuys, California. Living close to the sunny southern California coast was a great experience for a young man from Flatrock and he remembered those days fondly.

On one of his return visits to Newfoundland, John met Mary Catherine “Kay”

Walsh at a party and began a long-distance courtship. John and Kay married in Newfoundland on September 14, 1957 and they started their life together in Greenwich, CT. Within five years, they had four young boys. By 1965, with a fifth child on the way, John and Kay were in search of a bigger home and their friend John O'Leary told them about a house for sale across the street on Prudence Drive in Stamford. John and Kay raised their family and lived in the house for over 60 years until early 2026.

His Catholic faith was central to John's life and he never missed church on Sunday. He was a very hard worker and took seriously his and Kay's responsibility to care for their growing family. Also, despite the distance, John remained close with his four brothers and sisters in Newfoundland. He also treasured his relationships with the Kelly and Lovett family in Greenwich who played such a pivotal role in his early years in the U.S. As his family grew, John cherished his time with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John actively engaged with his community as a volunteer firefighter with Springdale Fire Department. He played the trumpet in the Springdale parade each year. Through their work, church, neighborhood and the Fire Department, John and Kay made many life-long friends. John also enjoyed playing golf at Sterling Farms and occasionally Hubbard Heights. His friends and family will remember him for his kindness, devotion to Kay and his family, pride in his home and garden, and for the years when he and Kay were Friday night regulars at The Colony Grill.

Left to mourn with beautiful memories are his loving wife of 68 years Mary Catherine "Kay" Powers (nee Walsh); children John F. "Jack" (Jan) Powers, Michael J. Powers, Gerald E. Powers and Karen P. (Andrew) Slimmon of Chicago; daughter-in-law Shirley Powers of Mt. Pearl, Newfoundland; grandchildren Robert, Courtney, Daniel, Emily, Brian, Katy, Nicholas, Kelly, Abby and Jackie; great-grandchildren Eve, Alex, Harper, Jack and Sophie;

brother Nicholas “Nick” (Bonnie) Power and sister Catherine Howard, both of St. John’s, Newfoundland; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

John is predeceased by his parents John and Annie Power (Kelly), his sister Connie Power of the Presentation Order, his brother Neil Power and his son David Powers, all of Newfoundland, Canada and his daughter-in-law Joanne Guglielmo Powers.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, May 18th from 3pm to 7pm at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. A Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am on Tuesday, May 19th at the Church of Saint Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Mass

MAY 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Cecilia
1184 Newfield Ave
Stamford, CT 06905