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John Francis Oldach, 54, of Tallahassee, and formerly Laguna Niguel, California, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Krista Oldach, and beloved son, Jackson Oldach.

John was born in Boston, MA. As a child he lived all over the United States, including Puerto Rico where he learned to speak fluent Spanish. He graduated from Hingham High School in Hingham, MA. After high school, John earned his PGA (Professional Golf Association) certification and started teaching golf. John went on to attend New Mexico State University and then graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. John continued his career in the golf industry working for Orlimar Golf. He enjoyed traveling the west coast of the United States custom building golf clubs at special events. His success in this role gave him the opportunity to work for TaylorMade Adidas Golf as their Senior Manager of Consumer Trial. He was tasked with building and operating their national demo day event program and managed a successful team that traveled the country. After moving to Florida in 2024, John enjoyed working at The Golf Club at Summerbrooke in Tallahassee.

John started playing sports as a young child and was a talented athlete. He played varsity basketball, football, and golf throughout high school. His love for sports continued his entire life both professionally and in his personal life. Watching his son, Jackson, play sports gave him incredible joy. John always said that it was the highlight of his week to go to games and watch Jackson play. He and Jackson spent countless hours together throwing the football, shooting hoops, and watching sporting events.

John had an insatiable love for music. He was a highly skilled guitarist and spent much of his free time listening to music and playing the guitar. He was especially interested in Delta blues and the works of Robert Johnson. He loved the process of studying and transcribing music and it gave him tremendous joy.



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Everyone who knew John described him as a kind, gentle, and loving man. He had a quick wit and was referred to by many as the funniest person they have ever met. John loved to laugh and made everyone around him feel at ease, lighthearted and accepted. His greatest attribute, however, was being a wonderful husband and father to his wife and son, whom he adored. When not at work, all his time was spent at home with Krista and Jackson.

Other survivors include John's mother, Sally Oldach of Chicago, IL; stepfather, Richard Oldach (Melanie) of La Selva Beach, CA; two sisters, Lynne Bonarrigo (Erik Org) of Norwood, MA and Kristin Oldach-Montgomery (Liam Montgomery) of Chicago, IL; father and mother-in-law, Jon and Beverly Stright of Lamont, FL; one sister-in-law, Lisa Roddy (Robert) of Monticello, FL; one niece, Emilia Org; two nephews, Garrett Org and Robert Bihlman; along with numerous extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his father, John Francis Bonarrigo.

A celebration of John's life will be held at noon, March 2nd at the Woman's Club of Tallahassee, 1518 Cristobal Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32303. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the family <https://everloved.com/life-of/john-oldach/>



Events


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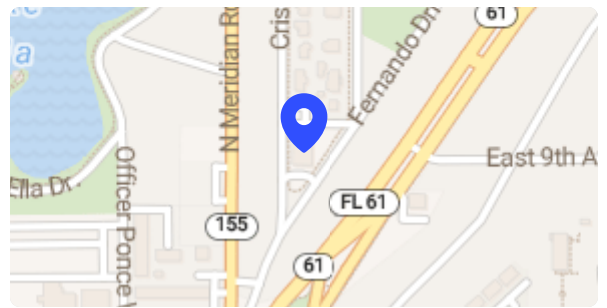
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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, March 2, 2025

 12:00 PM ET

 **Woman's Club**
1513 Cristobal Dr. , Tallahassee FL 32303





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Donna Bonarrigo posted:

John emanated goodness and kindness. It was such a blessing to spend time with him this summer and get to enjoy his wonderful sense of humor. His face lit up every time he looked at Krista and Jackson. I will be thinking of him today with love and sadness as his family and friends gather to celebrate his life, wishing I could be there, and I will miss him so much.

March 2 at 2:59 AM



Kenneth Iwasa December 31 at 6:31 PM

Hi Lynn, my name is Ken, John hired me in '05... I just now found out... I don't have a ton of stories, but some are good!... would love to talk... 7608897159



Lynne Bonarrigo March 3 at 2:11 PM

Love you Donna ❤️



Trudy Bonarrigo Landry posted:

When John was in his 20's and visiting, I took him to dinner and his first live play. We had a great time and whenever I would see him, he always mentioned what a great memory it was. He always made me laugh also by saying it was his first and his last! That was John. ❤️

February 21 at 8:38 AM



Lynne Bonarrigo February 21 at 6:45 PM

Love this Trudy ❤️



Paula Bonarrigo posted:

John was such a caring person, always. I am so grateful to have shared in the beautiful light and love he brought to this world. That sense of humor was the best! Love, Paula

February 21 at 6:22 AM



Lynne Bonarrigo February 21 at 6:48 PM

What a beautiful message Paula, I will cherish the photos of him dancing with you at Lily's wedding forever ☐☐☐



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GO

Garrett Org posted:

Uncle John was one of the most supportive people I've ever met. The time I got to spend with him were some of the funniest and most fond memories. He was the kindest man, he cared for his family like no other, and the way he brightened the room was magical. Thank you for the memories uncle John!

February 18 at 11:31 AM

AN

Aunt Nancy February 18 at 3:23 PM

He was all of that!

LB

Lynne Bonarrigo lit a candle in honor of John.

What a beautiful tribute, John was truly the best person anyone could ever hope to know. He was a blessing to anyone who crossed his path, and had his own special way of making you seen, heard, loved, and most definitely laughing. He was an angel on earth and I will miss him everyday. I will always love you John ❤️. Love, Lynnie



February 18 at 7:10 AM

LB

Lynne Bonarrigo February 21 at 6:50 PM

Love you Trudy 🥹❤️

TL

Trudy Bonarrigo Landry February 20 at 1:29 PM

This tribute could not have been worded any more perfectly. John was sheer joy and one of the most special people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Love, Trudy

EO

Emilia Org posted:

My Uncle John was hilarious and kind. I will cherish the laughs I had with him and know his memory will live on ❤️❤️

February 17 at 6:44 PM



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SL

Shirley K Leyva posted:

Krista and I were both married to accomplished guitarists. My husband Bobby Redfield, played in the Monterrey Jazz Festivals alongside Cal Tjader and Claire Fisher. He became friends with John through both golf (handicap 2-4) and the guitar. Two very talented individuals. Upon my husband's death, John was at my home immediately to give me support. He told a story of a dog he once had, leaving me laughing and crying simultaneously. His heart was as large as the oceans. He will be dearly missed, leaving this world short of love, but full of marvelous, hilarious memories. I believe his sole was so wonderful that he will join us again, somehow, because he left us too soon. Thank you, John. Love to his family, Shirley Redfield

February 17 at 1:23 PM

LB

Lynne Bonarrigo February 18 at 2:06 PM

Oh my gosh, what a great memory Nancy! Many great stories and laughs involving John, Ryan, and Neal. I loved the connection they had, it was so special and they were all hilarious
❤️

AN

Aunt Nancy February 18 at 12:39 PM

There are no words to express the loss of this wonderful man. Last September there was a knock at my door in Illinois and it was John with that smile, that fabulous smile that said, "yup it's me, of course I would be here for you." Ryan, Neal and John were cousins who managed to get away with quite a bit more than Sally and I could keep up with. If memory serves me, throwing things off a bridge in New Hampshire and starting a fire in the woods behind a house in Milton? I was unpacking after a move when a neighbor knocked on my door asking if I had 3 boys. I answered yes. She then said, well they are in the back woods starting a fire. With a wire coat hanger in my hand I ran to the back door and yelled for them. They ran up to the back door looking innocent. "We put it out Aunt Nancy". I had no words. I was so frustrated I "tapped" one of them on the shoulder with the wire hanger. I have been known ever since as Mommie Dearest!

LB

Lynne Bonarrigo February 17 at 6:14 PM

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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