



## John K Severinsen

October 6, 1924 - January 22, 2014

John K. Severinsen, 89, Tinton Falls died on Wednesday Jan 22, 2014. He was born Oct. 6, 1924, in San Francisco, CA, after his father moved there to help rebuild due to the major earthquake (1906). His family returned to Aarhus, Denmark, when he was 10 due to the Depression. He graduated from Teknikun in Copenhagen, Denmark with a degree in Structural Engineering. John played a role in the Danish Underground Movement in Denmark during WWII and served honorably as a Sargeant in the U.S. Army stationed in Japan after WWII from 1946-49. He returned to the US thereafter.

John spent most of his career designing and manufacturing products for use in the Defense industry. He was proud to be a Design/Sales Engineer and eventually co-founded Conductive Systems, originally located in East Hanover, NJ. After retirement, he continued to work well into his 80's.

John is predeceased by immigrant parents Ingvard and Ane Kathrine Severinsen, brother Ivar and sister Alyss. He is also predeceased by second wife Joan Chrismer; they lived together in Atlanta, GA for more than 20 years, and he relocated to New Jersey in 2010 after her passing.

John is survived by his first wife Margit Severinsen and their three children: Ann Kathryn (Kate) Severinsen and husband Bob German of Watertown, MA, Kenneth Severinsen and wife Jackie of Eatontown, NJ, and Caroll DeRocco and husband Bobby of Ocean Grove, NJ. He also is survived by three grandchildren: Nadia, Layna and Kenny Jr.

Memorial gathering to be held from 2-4pm Sunday, Jan 26 with a service to

begin at 3:30pm at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in his memory to The Wounded Warrior Project [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ John took such good care of "Nonie" my mother in law during her last days here on earth. They were together many years. He was a thoughtful & kind man. I enjoyed his dry sense of humor and I will miss our talks. He was a true Veteran putting out his flag each morning and folding it ever so correctly at night. Thank you John for all the meals you prepared for us when we visited Atlanta and for taking such good care of us. I will miss you.



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**Nanci Chrismer** - January 28, 2014 at 12:47 AM

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“ Nanci lit a candle in memory of John K Severinsen



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**Nanci** - January 28, 2014 at 12:34 AM

JC

“ Joan E. Cox lit a candle in memory of John K Severinsen



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**Joan E. Cox** - January 26, 2014 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ *Joan Cox lit a candle in memory of John K Severinsen*



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**Joan Cox** - January 26, 2014 at 01:13 AM

ZW

“ *Ken & family,*

*I'm sorry to hear about your loss. May you find comfort and peace in special memories and years shared.*

*You have my deepest sympathy.*

*Zelda Walker*

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**Zelda Walker** - January 25, 2014 at 08:14 PM

MP

“ You won't know me but my name is Mette and I live in England. John and Margit Severinsen were my God Parents. I recently moved to Herne Bay, Kent in the UK and am starting to look up my family tree and also God Parents etc. I found my baptism certificate which clearly states John and Margit as my God Parents. I vaguely remember them however I do remember presents they sent me as a very young child - a Barbie Doll and clothes and then another time, a set of wigs for Barbie. I still have them to this day which means they are well over 50 years old! I always kept them as a reminder of my lovely God Parents. I am truly sorry that I have missed getting in touch with John by only a few days. My heartfelt condolences go out to you all. As background my mother was Danish - her name was Bodil Karen Merry Larsen - that is how she knew John and Margit. I will try to contact Margit although if you can help in any way I would be most grateful. I am sorry I am leaving this very long message via this forum but I could find not other way of getting in touch. Once again my sincere condolences on Johns passing.  
My details are Mette Payne (nee Martin), 7 Radnor Close, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7UE. Email mettepayne@gmail.com. Tel 01227 749747. I will be thinking of John and you all on the 26th Jan. All my very good wishes Mette



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**Mette Payne** - January 25, 2014 at 08:14 AM

KA

“ Lots of good memories at the Severinsen house, Tilton PI, working for your dad gluing gaskets!!! & I believe I travelled to Conn. once to visit your family also. I forget why you were there though. Love you guys. God Bless all of you. joe & Kim & family

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**Kim Ambrose** - January 24, 2014 at 09:29 PM



“ Jackie Harris Severinsen lit a candle in memory of John K Severinsen



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**Jackie Harris Severinsen** - January 24, 2014 at 01:12 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of John K Severinsen



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - January 23, 2014 at 03:00 PM