



John Olavi Raikkonen

September 10, 1938 - April 27, 2018

John O. Raikkonen, 79, of Summerville, husband of the late Paula Raikkonen, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 at his residence.

A visitation will be held on Thursday May 3 from 6-8 pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home.

John was born on September 10, 1938 in Finland, son of the late Ola Heikinheimo and Sylvia Raikkonen. John immigrated from Finland at the age of 17. He attended and graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia. He started his career in this country as a successful country club manager and then was the owner of The Pasta House, a 5 star Italian restaurant in Fairhaven, MA for 23 years. After retiring, he wrote and published an autobiography about his exciting life, called "Life is an Amazing Song".

Survivors include one son: John C. Raikkonen of Central; two daughters: Laila Sullivan and her husband Richard of Dartmouth, MA and Claudia Postell and her husband Marty of Summerville; five grandchildren: Parker Vigeant of Dorchester, Savannah Vigeant of Fairhaven, MA, Sophia Vigeant of Summerville, Cody Postell of Summerville, and Brycen Postell of Summerville; one great grandson: Oakland McGill of Fairhaven, MA; one brother Kari Raikkonen and one half sister Lena Ekman. He was predeceased by one sister, Inga Raikkonen.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Olavi Raikkonen



James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 29, 2018 at 11:49 AM

CV

Beautiful life your dad had. May your dad Rest In Peace...

Cynthia Vieira - April 30, 2018 at 07:44 AM

TR

Beautiful video of a life well lived. I was blessed to have had him in my life. Rest In Peace John.

Tara Roy - April 30, 2018 at 08:15 AM

KP

Absolutely beautiful!

Kristie Pepin - April 30, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SB

John was a wonderful man. May he Rest In Peace with Paula.

Susan Boutwell - May 03, 2018 at 05:35 PM

AS

Brought back such wonderful memories of all you guys...I truly love and miss all of our departed family. Such a beautiful life!!! ❤️💕❤️

Angela Barboni Smith - May 10, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *John Olavi Raikkonen*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in fond memories of them, and hope in God's biblical promise to very soon, rid us of death forever.*

Greene's - May 10, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ *I'm a book editor who happened to meet Mr. Raikkonen at the night market in Charleston two years ago. It was a magical encounter. We had a wonderful conversation and I bought his book which I shared with one of my author friends whose own manuscript was partly set in Finland. I'm very sorry for your loss but am grateful I crossed paths with such a smart and gracious soul. Peace be with you.*

Mary Kay Speaks - May 03, 2018 at 10:14 AM



Thank you for sharing this with us ❤️

claudia postell - May 03, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *We were so blessed to have had your mom and dad as neighbors. Both were such caring people. We will miss them.*

Meg Skow - April 30, 2018 at 05:19 PM