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John Niegos, 94, of New Port Richey, FL, and formerly of Houston, TX, and Munster, IN, died on February 21, 2026. He was born in East Chicago, IN, on October 18, 1931, the only son of John and Zofia Niegos.

He was known for his brilliant intellect, knowledge across a broad array of subjects, incredible sense of humor, a gentle, humble spirit and eyes that twinkled when you met him. He was a member of the graduating class of 1949 at St. Bonaventure High School in Sturtevant, WI, where he took first honors in the oratorical contest and graduated cum laude.

He graduated from Purdue University in the College of Engineering, then returned home to the Chicago area to launch his career with Inland Steel and later Whiting Corporation. He met Dee Wisniewski at a dance contest during the live big band dancehall era in Chicago. A few months later, they started winning first place together as dancers and decided to make their duo permanent, marrying on June 9, 1956.

In 1977, they moved their family of six kids to Houston where John's engineering career flourished developing industry-leading overhead crane solutions for Kranco, a subsidiary of Alaska Interstate Company, working as part of the team that developed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. In 1994, John retired from Clearwater Engineering and Dee and John moved to New Port Richey, FL, to be closer to John's sisters and mother.

John was a member of the Watergate Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores, TX, and the Yachting Club of America. One of his biggest joys in life was sailing in Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico in his Hunter sailboat, Dee-sé. He loved the wondrous world around him and took his children and wife on trips all over the U.S. and globe, including a 50th wedding anniversary trip with Dee to Paris.

They spent 62 blissful years together before Dee passed away in 2018. In addition to Dee Niegos, John was preceded in death by his sisters, Lillian Wanio and Eleanor Zych. He will be sorely



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missed by his beloved surviving sister, Theresa Johnston, and his children and their families: Carole Smith (Mike), Luran Niegos (Bruce), John Niegos, Philip Niegos, Patricia Liles (Stinson), and Richard Niegos.

John was the best Dzaidzi ever to six grandchildren: Kevin, Brian, Matthew, Sydney, Ruby and Jasper; and great grandfather to Kaden, Kohen, Shepard and Hayes. Shine on, you handsome devil of a diamond, and say hello to momma and all the other greats in the sky for us.

Memories of you will keep shining brightly, even though your time with us here on earth is done. You'll forever light up our darkest nights and continue to guide us. Graveside interment is planned for Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Trinity, FL, followed by a Celebration of Life.



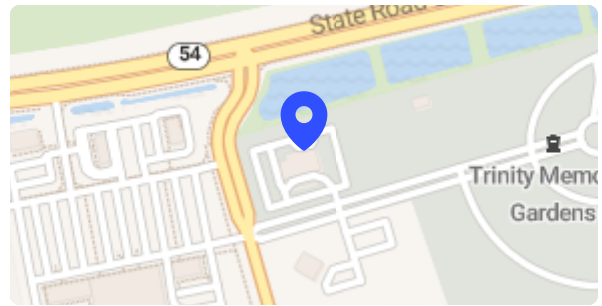
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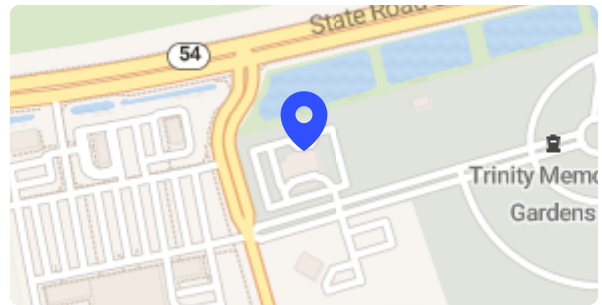
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- Saturday**, March 28, 2026
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM ET
- Trinity Memorial Gardens**
12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity FL 34655



Cemetery Details

- Trinity Memorial Gardens**
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- (727) 203-4055**





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Paul Wanio lit a candle in honor of John.

When I was a kid, Uncle John was cleaning his rifle one day and told me that he had shot at the Shpick-Shpick in the alley the night before and thinks he might have wounded it. I listened with wide eyes. Another time he placed two wires from a battery into a jar of water and as they started to bubble, told me that it was hydrogen. With a worried look I mentioned hearing about the hydrogen bomb and could what he was doing explode? "Maybe," was all he said.... Well, I know that he not only didn't kill the Shpick-Shpick, but I think that it must of had children as evidenced by the noises we have always heard coming from behind the refrigerator. Thank you, Uncle John, for helping protect me from the Shpick-Shpick back then and how you can now help protect us all from a much better place where you are. May God bless you, love you and surprise you. - Paul Wanio



March 27 at 12:21 PM



Paul Wanio March 27 at 12:26 PM

Please excuse my spelling of "Shpick-Shpick in my "memory." No way to edit it. God bless you all at this difficult time. And God bless Uncle John.



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Niegos family.



March 9 at 1:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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