

JOHN GRAUSAM BIOGRAPHY

John was born on October 15, 1952, to William and Mary Grausam, formerly Collins in Woodbridge, New Jersey. During his years at Woodbridge High School he was a member of the Police Junior Rifle Association, and recipient of an American Legion award for his views on patriotism. While serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1969 – 1976, he completed tours in Alaska, Korea, and with the Airborne Rangers at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He is a graduate of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and recipient of the Expert Infantry Badge and Parachute Badge. John married Terri Burger from Lacey, Washington in 1976 and she became his lifelong love. He earned an Associates Degree from South Puget Sound Community College in 1977, where he was elected to the Student Senate. John welcomed his son, Zachary, into the world on April 27, 1978 and his daughter, Bethany, on January 29, 1982. He was employed in the Building Services Department at St. Peter Hospital from 1979 – 1994 providing technical services for a one million square foot healthcare facility. While employed at the hospital, John served on the Safety Management Council and managed the Loss Prevention Program. John worked at St. Michael Catholic Parish from 1995 - 2018, as Facilities Director serving over 8,000 parishioners at three sites in Thurston County. He was Chairman of the Parish Safety, Technology & Landscape Committees. Additionally, he was the project manager responsible for building a 10,000 square foot Worship Center, and a 21,000 square foot Ministry Center along with other capital improvements that totaled over 20 million dollars. He personally raised over 4.5 million in grants, budget savings & in-kind contributions along with introducing award winning energy and conservations programs. John was a member of the Washington Association of Maintenance and Operations Administrators where he earned the professional designation School Facilities Administrator.

While attending the Church of Living Water from 1979 – 1995, he was elected to the Church Council, organized bread deliveries for the poor, served as Head Usher for 12 years and was Chairman of the Activities Committee that produced two variety shows and an all-church picnic. From 1991 – 1993 John returned to college and completed 3 years course work in management, and during his professional career has completed over 50 technical courses. He was elected President of the 150 home Belair Neighborhood Association for two terms, and served three terms on the Lacey Parks Commission. During his tenure on the Parks Commission John was Chairman of the Bikes, Boards, and Blades Committee and helped create Lacey's first skate park facility. He also served on the Steering Committee that successfully passed a ten million dollar Parks Improvement Bond. When the Public Facilities District was created John was instrumental in mobilizing support among the sports associations and user groups who would directly benefit from it. John was elected once as Vice Chairman and four times as Chairman of the Lacey Parks Commission. He is the recipient of the City of Lacey Distinguished Public Service Award and is currently a board member of the Friends of the Lacey Library. John has been a resident of Lacey since 1973.