

# *A Note from the Headmaster*

ST JOHN THE BELOVED ACADEMY



**AUGUST 9**

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am sorry to share the sad news that our beloved Captain Ted Smedberg passed away on Friday, August 7, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. Beverly, his wife of 63 years, and four of his five children were at his side.

Captain has been an employee, volunteer, parent and grandparent of St. John the Beloved Academy for over forty years. More than that, he has been a dear, generous and loyal friend to the school and to so many souls who have passed through the doors of St John the Beloved Academy throughout the years. (And a heck of a competitor from his game of golf down to geography bees and faculty competitions of corn hole!)

Captain is the father of Mrs. Nancy Nugent, one of our preschool assistants, and the grandfather of Scott Nugent, an 8th grader this year.

Here are some of her beautiful words regarding her father's passing.

*...Dad (Captain!) has left this Earth. He passed away at 8:41pm last night (Saturday, August 7th) at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda with my mother (his wife of 63 years Beverly), his daughter MaryEllen (second oldest of the five), his son Barden (youngest of the five), and me (fourth of the five) all holding his hands and caressing him while speaking loving and encouraging words. It was very peaceful even to his last breath. The hospital workers and chaplain gave him a fine farewell as he was draped with an American Flag and wheeled from his room to the elevator. The staff members lined the walls of the hallway, and the chaplain gave brief remarks about Dad just before he was rolled away with the chaplain following behind reciting the 23rd Psalm. Dad has had to endure quite a lot of physical pain for a long time, but his last twenty-four hours seemed cozy and comfortable!*

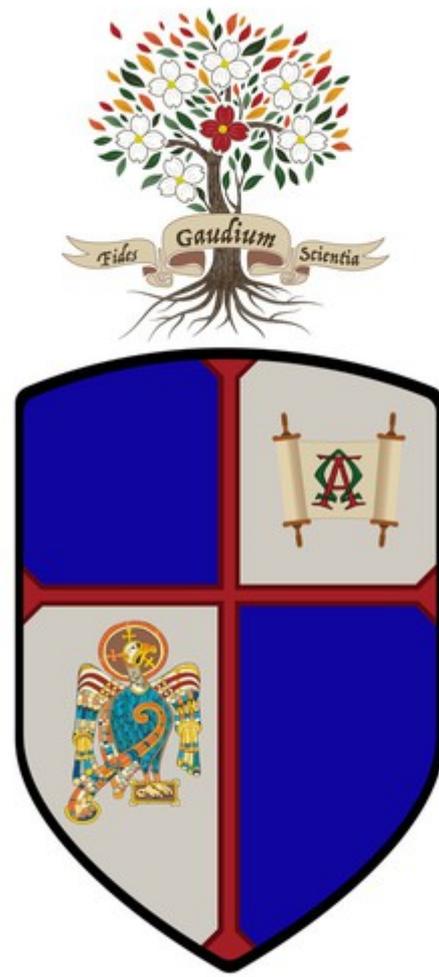
More information will be forthcoming, but please note the funeral will be this Friday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Beloved Parish.

Thank you to all who have kept him and his family in your prayers these last few months.

With affection and prayers,

Jeff

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