

I am also deeply saddened to hear that Mr. Finley is no longer with us. He was a great man, a great card player, and a great friend. John joked with me when I first told him of my plans to go to law school that if I just remembered three simple things I would make it in the legal profession. He told me, "always get paid up front, when your client goes to jail you go home for supper, and always get paid up front." From the short time that I was fortunate enough to get to know John, I think that sums him up pretty well, a man who always imparted levity and wisdom on those around him, often times in the same sentence. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

— Roger Gibboni, Jr.

I did not know him well, but I am sure that he will be remembered as a fine and loyal friend to all of us.
— Peter Bertine

I enjoyed knowing him, he'll be missed by many I'm sure. He's a quality guy in all respects!
— Brian Kaley

When I think of John, what comes to mind is a wonderful blend of wit and humor combined with extraordinary intelligence and deeply ingrained integrity. In other words, they don't come any better than John. I will miss him very much.
— Steve Hamilton

To the Bard and to John. Till we meet again. God bless
—W. B. Reynolds, Officer of Marines

I don't think I've ever met anyone like John with the depth of understanding of the history of our republic. He understood the language as well as the intent of our founding fathers better than anyone I've known. Every Paradox winter getaway was always a lesson in Constitutional law---as well as that of Virginia! John would have made a great Supreme Court Judge!
— Roger Gibboni

I will try to carry on John's "love" of snowmobiles. I am a better person having known John.
— Bruce Flesland the "Club Doc"

John is a great guy! I have always admired his calming and sophisticated manner.
— Allen Hinkley

When it came to kitchen time John was an exceptional cook and especially enjoyed making his famous colonial soups."
— Richie Cafiero

I remember John as being more at home on the poker table than in the woods, he always had a kind word and was willing to help around camp with whatever activity we had going on at the time.
— Ron Gehrig..

I would meet Mr. Finley once a year for eleven straight years... The "Boys Weekend" The soup, Yes The soup! The Cards, The trivia and The Fellowship. I'm proud to have known John.
— Nick Franco

Let's always remember our great friend. His only hole-in-one was exactly 2 years ago. The guy was aces in many ways!
— Bob O'Mara

John was a true patriot and a fine Christian gentleman...everyone enjoyed his love of history and trivia...I am very proud to have known him, he was a great friend!
— Tom Williams
"Lest We Forget"

I will miss him very much. He lent an air of dignity and composed decorum to what at times could resemble a ribald scene. He made me envious. He was one of the boys, but always the gentleman. One of my all time favorite people. I am proud to have known him.
— Marty Allen

John had a talent for bring out the best in people and making people perform above their perceived abilities. For instance, he made me, a Jew from Brooklyn into one of the world's great haggis makers. If that's not incredible nothing is. I truly loved the man.
— Allan Goldstein

The Finley Cup

The Finley Cup award was established to honor and pay tribute to our departed brother John J. Finley, Esq. John was a great lover of both the game of golf and a well crafted martini...shaken, not stirred please.

The Finley Cup is presented to the winner of the Annual Chipping Contest in recognition of the recipient's excellence in short game skills.

It is expected that the winner will showcase The Finley Cup in a place of honor and respect and safeguard it until the next year's competition.

In memory of John and for all the great times we shared with him.

Lest we forget...

