



John Clifton Bogle

May 8, 1929 - January 16, 2019

John Clifton Bogle of Bryn Mawr PA died at home on January 16th, 2019 surrounded by his family. He was 89 years old.

Mr. Bogle, known as Jack, was born May 8, 1929 in Montclair NJ with his twin brother David Caldwell to William Yates Bogle Jr and Josephine Hipkins Bogle. They joined their older brother William Yates III (Bud) and became known by a lifelong circle of friends as the Bogle Boys.

Consistently driven, determined and hard working, the twins followed their older brother to Blair Academy in 1945 and graduated in 1947. Their time at Blair inspired a life long devotion and commitment to the school. After graduating from Blair, Mr. Bogle entered Princeton University as a scholarship student, working as a waiter in the dining halls and in the athletic ticket office to pay for his education. He studied economics, writing his thesis on the then unknown mutual fund industry, and graduated magna cum laude in 1951. While at Princeton he met and was befriended by Jay Sherrerd, class of 1952, who brought Mr. Bogle home to Bryn Mawr to meet his family, including Jay's younger sister Eve. The two married in 1956 and had six children.

After Princeton, Mr. Bogle was hired by Walter L. Morgan, founder of the nation's oldest balanced mutual fund, Wellington Fund, where Mr. Bogle was the driving force behind Wellington's growth into a mutual fund family. A

dispute with new partners at the Fund lead to his firing and subsequently his founding in 1975 of The Vanguard Group of Investment Companies, two occasions he proclaimed ever since that he underwent “fired with enthusiasm!” Leading the company until his heart transplant in 1996, he nonetheless remained forever after a vocal and strident advocate of the individual investor with books, speeches, opinion pieces, and public appearances.

Mr. Bogle was fiercely competitive, especially on the doubles squash courts where opponents feared his determination and drop shot. The family played tennis together, often at their treasured family home in Lake Placid, NY, a place to which they still retreat for the summer months. Not just athletically competitive, his relaxation came from completing the daily New York Times crossword puzzles, including Sunday, in ink, comparing his time to finish to those of his brothers and children.

A devoted philanthropist, Mr. Bogle served the Board of Trustees of Blair Academy from 1972 to this day, including 16 years as its Chairman. Among his most remarkable and proud accomplishments, he established the Bogle Brothers Scholarship Fund which to date has funded the education of nearly 200 students. In 1998 he was named Chairman of the National Constitution Center, overseeing its creation and building on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall where it continues as one of the city’s most treasured institutions. He remained active in numerous other local and national educational, civic, medical and arts organizations as well.

Mr. Bogle suffered from a rare and degenerative heart disease, and was admitted to Hahnemann Hospital in the fall of 1995 to begin the wait for a new heart. He received the extraordinary second chance at life in February 1996, for which he remained exceptionally grateful.

Mr. Bogle is survived by his wife Eve, daughters Barbara Bogle Renninger (Scott), Jean Bogle, Nancy Bogle St John (Gordon), and Sandra Bogle Marucci (Buddy), sons John Clifton Bogle Jr (Lynn) and Andrew Armstrong Bogle, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandsons, and his brother William Yates Bogle III. He is predeceased by his twin brother David Caldwell Bogle.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Blair Academy, the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and Gesu School.

Private services for family and friends will be held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 21 at 11 am.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Es un honor señor Bogle. Gracias por su aporte a la humanidad. Sera un referente para mi.*

Mauricio Yepes - July 22, 2020 at 07:00 AM

TA

“ *Haere atu ra e te Rangatira. From Aotearoa, New Zealand. RIP Mr Bogle.*



Tom Anderson - July 13, 2019 at 03:36 PM

TD

“ *John we never met but I thank you for helping me to prepare for my financial future. You cared and that was apparent in every public appearance that you made on the topic of investing. Thank you again sir*

Thomas Drowns - February 28, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ *So blessed to have been able to spend time with you. I will always remember the Sunday crosswords at Jean's. You left your mark on all of us. An amazing man. Thank you for sharing your life with all of us.*

Katie, PJ, Harry and Megan Bogle

Megan Bogle - January 26, 2019 at 10:20 AM

RE

“ So many people are grateful to have known you, John. You were a remarkable man with a talent for the unusual and innovative. Rest In Peace my friend even as I hope your wonderful family appreciate the remarkable man whose life they shared with so many others.

Gail & Richard Estes
Narberth PA

Richard Estes - January 24, 2019 at 11:56 PM

LP

“ thank you for sharing the life of your very special family member -- John -- with the world. John Bogle was what we need in the white house -- intelligent and a person who called it like it was -- both principal and principled. i wonder whether we will have any other people of this caliber in my lifetime. sorry for your loss. you were blessed. sincerely, Oliver and Linton Page, bogleheads and vanguard investors.

Linton Page - January 24, 2019 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ His life was a wonderful gift to this world. With sympathy to his family and to all those who knew and loved him.

Jan Marzullo - January 22, 2019 at 11:07 PM

JL

“ A true mentor to many.

Jason Legro - January 21, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy to Jacks family. He lived a long and fruitful life, I always wanted to meet him. I'm just a factory worker from Iowa but he had a way to get thru to everyone. So smart and intelligent but could put things in layman terms. Again my deepest condolences and sympathy!*

Jeremy Breckenridge - January 21, 2019 at 08:52 PM

AS

“ *Ann Stokman lit a candle in memory of John Clifton Bogle*



Ann Stokman - January 21, 2019 at 06:31 AM

RN

“ *To the family of John C. Bogle, please accept my sincere regrets for your loss my condolences to you and your family please find comfort in our loving heavenly father's promise 2peter3:13) ps37:29)*

Regina Neil - January 18, 2019 at 02:24 PM

MS

All I can say is thank you Jack. Great man of integrity. A happy Index holder for ever. We will miss you but will never forget you. Mark Sutton

Mark Sutton - January 19, 2019 at 07:53 AM

LR

“ *It has been an honor to know John Bogle. His saying to "just do the right thing" stays with me always. A true gentleman and scholar. God speed Mr. Bogle. Condolences and prayers for your family.*

Libby Robinson - January 18, 2019 at 10:14 AM

DM

“ *A real gifted gentlemen , who was totally down to earth in the way he thought.*

David Merriman - January 18, 2019 at 07:47 AM

DM

“ *David Merriman lit a candle in memory of John Clifton Bogle*



David Merriman - January 18, 2019 at 07:43 AM