



## Justin Louis Petaccio

January 27, 2026

Justin Louis Petaccio, 77, of Penns Grove, New Jersey passed away peacefully on January 26, 2026, after a long battle with Dementia.

After graduating from Northeast Catholic High School, Justin enlisted with the United States Marine Corps where he served his country proudly in the Vietnam War and became a Purple Heart recipient earning the nickname “The Radio Man”.

He enjoyed reading and eventually went on to write and self-publish his own books. He was an avid cyclist who competed in multiple bike-a-thons. A native of Philadelphia, Justin was a Die Hard Eagles Fan and enjoyed the Flyers as well. He coached his daughter’s little league softball teams and enjoyed an occasional mean game of Backgammon with them. He had a passion for the law and fighting for what was Right and Just regarding himself as a Freedom Fighter. Earning a Paralegal Degree, he put his expertise into work volunteering his time with the Innocence Project of New Jersey and the Public Defenders Office.

Justin is survived by his two daughters Justina Petaccio, and Cate Dybus (nee Petaccio), two grandchildren Casmyre Arroyo, Jose Rodriguez III, a

GrandKitty Nova and sister Angela Petaccio.

Interment will take place in the Brigadier General Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a late date

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Tunnel to Towers Foundation and/or The Innocence Project of NJ

# Cemetery Details

## **Brigadier General William C. Doyle veterans Memorial Cemetery**

350 Providence Line Rd  
Wrightstown, NJ 08562  
<http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/doyle.html>

# Events

**Details are pending.**