



John Michael Donio
Private First Class U.S. Army
29 May 1968 – 18 June 1970

John was born on 27 September 1945 on Staten Island, New York. He attended grades 1-8 at St. Catherine of Sienna School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, from 1951 to 1959, and he attended high school at LaSalle Military Academy in Oakdale, New York, from 1959 to 1963. John then studied Education at Kutztown State College in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, from 1964 to 1968. On 28 May 1968, he enlisted in Allentown as a Private in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for six years. John was ordered to Company A, 42nd Aviation Battalion in Fort Rucker, Alabama, for active duty training as a Helicopter Mechanic at the Army Aviation School from 29 October 1968 to 8 March 1969. After completion of his training, John returned to Allentown where he continued to serve with the National Guard until 18 June 1970. He was then enrolled in officer candidacy training, but subsequently was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and was not able to complete this training program. He was honorably discharged on 18 June 1970 as a Private First Class for physical disability as a result of his diagnosis. After returning home to Allentown, John returned to Kutztown State College for a year, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1972. He then went to work for the County of Lehigh in Allentown as Director of Environmental Control from 1972 to 1979. The following year, John moved to Jackson Heights, New York, where he was employed by the City of New York as Assistant City Entomologist. He remained employed there until 1983. He then returned to live in Allentown where he established his own business with his brother, Anthony, Donio's Medical Equipment, Inc., which he operated from 1983 until his retirement in 1989. John married **Patricia Maria Steppes** on 25 June 1969 at Elkton, Maryland. They had a son, **Christopher John**, who served in the Army during 1988 to 1990. John and Patricia were later divorced. John married **Patricia Jean Savage** on 22 May 1982 in Huntington, New York, and they relocated to Lower Macungie Township in 1983. John's parents were **Dominic Anthony Donio, MD** (23 Oct 1910 – Oct 1990), who served in the Army as a Medical Officer during World War II, and **Adeline Elinore Stravino** (16 Sep 1915 – 5 June 1980). Both Dominic's and Adeline's parents emigrated from Italy. John's brother, **Dominic Anthony Donio Jr.**, served in the Army as a Military Policeman from 1959 to 1961. John's uncle, **Julius Robert Delterzo MD**, also served in the Army and was assigned as Dwight D. Eisenhower's Medical Officer during World War II.