

## **John F. Cleater: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice**

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**Deceased Name: John F. Cleater**

FL United States

CLEATER JOHN F., age 63, of Key Biscayne, passed away on Friday, March 7. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1939 and graduated from the Naval Academy of Annapolis, Maryland, with a degree in Nuclear Physics. He served in the navy for 10 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander of the submarine, USS Henry L. Stimson. Among numerous honors, he received a medal for his service as Operations and Intelligence officer on the U.S.S. Gurnard. He joined Xerox in its formative years, applying his curiosity about and enthusiasm for technology to a new generation of data processing. During his 30 years working for Xerox, he moved all over the country with his family, and in each new city, he formed relationships with local artists, whom he supported by collecting their art. This passion for art grew into JC Fine Arts, the art dealership he founded specializing in paintings and sculpture of the 20th century, including the work of a local Miami artist, Purvis Young. John carried with him an abundance of positive energy and insight, recognized and cherished by everyone around him. He is survived by his mother, Lillian, his son, John Jr., his daughter Andrea, his grandchildren Tabitha and Juan-Carlos, his former wife Judi, and his companion, Vera Cupido. To visit this Guest Book Online, go to [www.herald.com/obituaries](http://www.herald.com/obituaries).

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