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Obituary

Obituary for John E. Gearhart Renaissance man, visionary and true gentleman, John E. Gearhart, departed this world for Heaven on Sunday, September 4, 2016 @ 7:08 AM. John was born February 19, 1937 in York, PA, the son of the late J. Edward and Florence R. (Markle) Gearhart. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce E. (Stough) Gearhart; daughter, Denise A. (Gearhart) Wolf and husband D. Shawn Wolf of Myersville, MD; son, Eric Jon Gearhart and wife Kim of Mt. Wolf, PA; 11 grandchildren and their spouses - Ryan and Annalise Wolf, Paul and Lauren (Wolf) Futch, Connor Wolf, Alexander, Kennedy, Pierce, Garyn and Delaney Gearhart, and Sarah, Justin and Lauren Williamson. He played the clarinet in the high school band, was on various community basketball and baseball teams, worked at his father's store, Lincoln Grocery, and Fischer's Meat Market. He graduated from William Penn High School in 1955. He proudly served in the US Marine Corps Reserves. John was the former campaign chairman of Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) fundraising campaign, past member of the York Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lancaster, PA. A past member of the York Alliance Church, York, PA, John served for a number of years as Sunday school teacher, board member and board president and played on the church softball and basketball teams. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of York, in PA. He loved playing Monopoly (aka "The Monopoly King"), Scrabble, Dominos, basketball and softball with his children and grandchildren. He was the former owner of the old York County Prison, with various plans for the building, including a Monopoly themed hotel, restaurant and water park. John was co-founder, vice president and treasurer of Imperial Remodeling Contractors, Inc. for 32 years. He renovated the first house for the "Back to City Project" in the city of York, PA. John was a long-time board member of the Christian School of York for 16 years, serving



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as treasurer and vice president, the last three years as president. He served on the board of Chapel Pointe Retirement Center, Carlisle, PA for 14 years, the last three years as president. John was president and co-owner of S.U.E. Inc. - Strasburg Country Store & Creamery and Strasburg Village Inn, Strasburg, PA for 20 years and president of WideWorld.Net, Lancaster, PA for 10 years. Celebration of Life service will be held at the York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York, PA 17403, on Saturday, September 10, 2016 @ 2:30 PM. Family greeting time will begin at 1:30 PM - family will arrive at 1:35 PM, in keeping with true Gearhart tradition... talk amongst yourselves. A A A Memorial contributions can be sent to special needs endeavors: Rock Creek School, 191 Waverley Drive, Frederick, MD 21702 (education.fcps.org/rcs), in honor of John's grandson, Connor Wolf, and Jessica & Friends Community, 218 Dew Drop Road, York, PA 17402 (jandfcommunity.org). Visitation York Alliance Church 501 Rathten Rd York, PA 17403 Saturday, September 10, 2016 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Service York Alliance Church 501 Rathten Rd York, PA 17403 Saturday, September 10, 2016 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



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Bob And Cheryl Zeigler posted:

I'm not sure if I am doing this right, but I hope you can read it. I want the family and especially Joyce to know how much we have loved John and your family. We appreciate all he did for us and with us, Heaven will be great. We will all have such a great time! Love you.

October 13 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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