



John James Casto

February 20, 2019

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(1929 – 2019)

John James Casto entered into Jesus' arms on Feb 20th, 2019 at Calvary Fellowship Homes, where he had been residing with his loving wife, Virginia. He was the son of James and Margaret (Havran) Casto of Atlantic City, NJ. He is survived by his 5 sons and 13 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers Alfred Casto of Cleveland, OH and James Casto of Whiting, NJ.

After leaving high school in Atlantic City to join the peacetime Army, he served for 3 years in Hawaii, enjoying the tropical weather, the beach and teaching Sunday School. He attended Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada and then joined the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in 1956, where he met Virginia Greenwood, RN, of Philadelphia. They were engaged to be married, and celebrated their wedding in Manorom, Thailand. Becoming fluent in the Thai language, the happy couple were assigned to central Thailand as missionaries and church planters. John loved, and was especially gifted at, traveling out to remote villages to follow up with Thai people, patiently explaining the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether by foot, bicycle, motorcycle or land rover, whether alone or with a Thai Christian, John was always ready "in season and out of season to preach the Word". 2 Timothy 4:2

He and Virginia faithfully served the Lord for 36 years in various towns and cities in Central Thailand, raising 5 sons: Jim, Tim, Jeff, Rich and Dan. In 1993 John and Virginia retired from active mission work, spending time with family in Austin, TX and Tucson, AZ, before finally retiring to Lancaster, PA to enjoy years of friendship and fellowship with other retirees at Calvary Fellowship Homes.

A celebration of John's life will take place at Calvary Homes, Fellowship Hall (address below) on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. followed by light refreshments. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Homes Benevolence Fund, 502 Elizabeth

Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.