



John Donald Bird

January 25, 2018

John Donald Bird, 79, of Lancaster, PA passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at ManorCare nursing facility. Born September 14, 1938, he was the son of the late Donald and Virginia (Johnson) Bird. John spent his youth in Newark, NY and graduated from the School of The Holy Childhood in Rochester where he learned to sing Christmas Carols in Latin. He moved to Lancaster with his parents in 1961. Through 40 years of participation at the Occupational Development Center he practiced skills that benefitted many local businesses. John enjoyed dances, swimming and especially Special Olympics bowling, going to the state tournament more than once.

John lived with his parents for more than 50 years and traveled with them to Europe, Hawaii, Florida and the west coast to visit his brother and family. He then lived in a Friendship Community group home for several years, continued to bowl and worked at the Stone Mill Plaza Giant grocery store. John made many friends in the community who appreciated this sweet, kind, polite man. He was an eternal optimist with a shy smile and an infectious, friendly nature. John is survived by his brother, Dr. Thomas Bird (Rosaline) of Lake Forest Park, WA; his nephew, Jeff Bird (Amy Hightower) of Wheaton, MD and niece, Caroline Bird (Matt McGowan) of Haverhill, MA, a great-nephew, two great-nieces and a cousin, Ann Johnson of Elmira, NY.

The family greatly appreciates the loving care given to John in his last three years at ManorCare.

A private family service will be held in the spring.

Contributions in John's memory can be made to the Occupational
Development Center (ODC), 640 Martha Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

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