



Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer

April 8, 2025

Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer, 86, of Spring City, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Reading Hospital with his daughters by his side. He was born in Harrisburg and was the loving son of the late Warren W. and Beulah M. (Weaver) Etnoyer, and was the oldest of five boys.

He attended Wheaton College in IL and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School at the top of his class in 1966. John served in the US Navy as a Flight Surgeon until 1970, receiving the National Defense Service Medal. He went on to complete a residency in obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN).

John started his medical practice in 1972 in Hampton VA, and then moved to Lancaster PA in 1977, where he helped to deliver a new generation until 1998. He was the consummate professional. He will be missed by many and remembered for the unconditional love he showed to his children, and respect he showed to others.

John was a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed swimming at the YMCA, dogs, fast cars, a witty sense of humor, and photography. His greatest love was the time he spent with his family.

He is survived by his son, Peter J. Etnoyer (Maria) of Charleston, SC;

daughters, Kirsten M. Etnoyer of Lancaster, and Erika L. Fearnley (Franz) of Shrewsbury, PA; grandchildren, Clara Lynn Etnoyer, Ana Rose Etnoyer; brothers, David, William, and Ross Etnoyer; and his first wife, Mildred D. Etnoyer of Lititz. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Sandy Etnoyer.

Relatives and friends are invited to John's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Robert Larson officiating. The family will receive friends with a Viewing from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, with full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's name to "Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund" Office for Veterans Affairs, Bldg. 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003-5002.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SB

“ *To the family of Dr. Etnoyer, I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Etnoyer's passing. He delivered both of our girls and was just the best to deal with. I could trust him completely. Kind, funny, and so caring. We have always been so glad we had him taking care of us. Thank you, Dr. We will always think of you with fondness and respect. In deepest sympathy, Sandi and Charlie Beach*

Sandi Beach - April 30, 2025 at 09:23 PM

VA

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Etnoyer family. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Etnoyer at May Grant & Associates. He was a great Dr., and loved to teach while working. Vicky Aument*

Vicky Aument - April 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Etnoyer for decades and so enjoyed our talks over many subjects. He spoke very fondly about his children and his precious Bernese Mountain babies and how he worried about the delivery of their babies. A true kind and gentle person. Smiling and caring and such a joy. My truest condolences to his family. Hilde McClearen

Hilde McClearen - April 16, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer.



April 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer.

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“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 16, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LD

“ Love Bob and Joan Deutsch planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Joseph Etnoyer.

Love Bob and Joan Deutsch - April 15, 2025 at 08:21 PM

BY

“ My deepest condolences to the Etnoyer Family. I had the pleasure of attending countless deliveries with Dr. Etnoyer when I was a NICU nurse at LGH from 1986-2004. He always greeted fellow staff and patients with a smile. Dr. Etnoyer also delivered my first daughter in 1990. I had a fairly rough delivery and he kept me calm the whole time and delivered my beautiful little girl. ☐ May all of the cherished memories of Dr. Etnoyer bring comfort to all who knew and loved him.

Beth Yeingst - April 14, 2025 at 09:10 AM

AS

My deepest sympathy to the Family of Dr Etnoyer. He took care of me in the ER when i miscarried our first baby. He was so very kind. In 1980 he delivered our son. I ended up having a c sec. The first thing he asked me the nxt day was if i was happy.all ended well and we could not have been happier. I have a picture of him holding our son at 5 weeks old. I will always remember his smile and how kind he always was. Plus after the first loss he said This is a great prehnancy this time! Blessings to u all. I will never forget him!

Autumn Sgenk - April 14, 2025 at 06:43 PM

AP

“ My deepest condolences to your family and I wanted to share how much this man made an impact on my life. Dr Etnoyer was the doctor who delivered me at LGH in 1982. He saved my life in those first few minutes. I came out with my lungs full of fluid and my umbilical cord wrapped around my throat. He made sure that my mother was prepped for emergency C section immediately and got me healthy and survived to be come a 42 year old husband and father.

Andrew Paules - April 13, 2025 at 08:43 PM

DW

“ My deepest condolences to your family. I worked with Dr. Etnoyer for many years at Dr. Corcoran's office and have many fond memories of him and the gatherings at your home.
Donna Walter

Donna Walter - April 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM

IM

“ I had the opportunity to live with his family for a while when I was in nursing school. He had a great heart.
Irene Martin (Aponte)

Irene Martin - April 13, 2025 at 11:27 AM

RP

“ I had the pleasure of working side by side with John. He was a caring physician to his patients. May he rest in peace. Ron Plutnicki M.D.

Ronald Plutnicki - April 13, 2025 at 10:31 AM

EU

“ I remember John because he delivered my son at around 6 AM on July 9, 1983. I was there. John had this belief that he could tell the gender of the child by the shape of the butt. And so, he knew that had a daughter 3 years prior, and he said as my son left the womb, “Another wonderful girl!” I was viewing from another angle, and I said, “I’m afraid not.” John was a wonderful, sensitive, and caring physician, with a great sense of humor. He was my wife, Linda’s favorite gyno.

--Eric J. Uberseder, Bar Harbor, Maine

Eric J Uberseder - April 13, 2025 at 09:53 AM