

John Edward Herweh

August 9, 2023

John Edward Herweh entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 9, 2023 at the age of 93. He was a beloved husband, brother, father, father-in-law, granddad and uncle and a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

John was born in the Bronx to the late John Phillip and Emily (Reiger) Herweh. He went to Concordia High School and Junior College, where he pitched a no-hitter as a left-hander. He received his Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees from the University of Virginia and went on to work at Armstrong World Industries as a research chemist, where he met his wife and “sweetie” of sixty-six years, Patricia Boone Herweh.

John and Pat lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they raised their four children. Over the decades, this family grew to include ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Generous and loving, John was the perfect dad and granddad, always willing to help his children with their home projects whether it be painting, trimming Christmas trees, or gardening.

An avid hunter, gardener, and fisherman, he enjoyed time outdoors with his family and dogs. Over the years, John had three Weimaraners and a German Shorthair, Misty. Misty would go everywhere with him, including morning coffee trips en route to the garden at his daughter Jennifer’s house. Among

the extended family's dogs, he quickly became known as the "biscuit man" and always had some treats handy to endear the family's furry, four-legged members to him.

Although John loved being at home, he would make the exception for traveling with family to Montana, Idaho, and the Outer Banks where he could pursue his passion for the outdoors in much-loved places with much-loved people. He also enjoyed going to his daughter and son-in-law's, Lynne and Rick's, cabin in Deerfield, Virginia.

When he wasn't outside, John was keeping meticulous records of everything from gas mileage to garden yields to hunting trip logs. He enjoyed making his hand-pressed apple cider, homemade bread, and pheasant chili.

John was truly devoted to his family and in Heaven, he was welcomed by his precious granddaughter, Kristin Lynn Palazzo.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Pat; his children Lynne (Richard, "the Counselor") Palazzo of Manheim, PA; Jennifer (David) Dickinson of Millersville, PA; Kathy (Dr. Richard) Simons of Hummelstown, PA; and Lt. Colonel (RET) John Boone (Virginia "Dixie") Herweh of South Dakota; ten grandchildren: Dr. Stephanie Palazzo (Thomas Knickman), Dr. Rebecca (Josh) Medlin, Sarah (Jeremy) Good, Rachel (Timothy) Latham, Tabitha (Marcus) Greer, Daniel (Maranda) Smith, John Gabriel Herweh, Liberty Faith Herweh, and Carolina Hope Herweh; and ten great-grandchildren: Nora Knickman, Phoebe Medlin, Hannah Good, Aaron Good, Ruth Latham, Matthew Greer, Garret Smith, Kensley Smith, Amelia Smith, and Wyatt Smith; and his sister, Virginia Friess. He was predeceased by his half-brother, Ronald Poulos.

Relatives and friends are invited to John's Funeral Service on Thursday,

August 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. with Chaplain Wayne Cooley officiating at the Groff Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. A Viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Private interment will be held at Kraybill Mennonite Cemetery of Mount Joy, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation in John's name to the Kristin Palazzo Memorial Visual Arts Endowment at Lancaster Mennonite at www.lancastermennonite.org or Homestead Village Endowment Fund at www.homesteadvillage.org.

The family is so grateful to Homestead Village, particularly the staff at Fickes and Harvest Houses, where they treated him with much love and respect for four years as he fought a good fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

Cemetery Details

Kraybill Mennonite Cemetery

598 Kraybill Church Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Edward Herweh*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Edward Herweh*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I send my deepest sympathy to all of you on your loss of your beloved John. Our family loved beyond words living next-door to you all during my youngest childhood years. Memories of those years are forever treasured. How I pray that you feel God's comfort and peace as you walk this journey of grief. I am so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy and overflowing love, Lisa (Staehe) Heck and family*

Lisa Heck - August 24, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Tabitha G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Herweh.*

Tabitha G. - August 16, 2023 at 07:39 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 16, 2023 at 11:15 AM

PD

To the entire Herweh clan! Please accept my deepest sympathy for John's Alzheimer's and subsequent death. He was an extraordinarily man and his legacy certainly lives on, with his extraordinary family.

I'm so sorry I wasn't able to attend the service; not only to pay homage to him, but to see all the family!

It's a sad day to bury a parent; a sad day to bury the Patriarch of the family. Find solace that he walks with Jesus & Kristin! Our early hearts are sad & broken, but we all know he's whole again and suffers no more. That's a huge solace.

Sending my sincere condolences with love. I will help you all in my prayers to heal your heavy hearts and carry on.

*Love always,
Pat Donnelly.*

pat Donnelky - August 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM

TK

*Dear Pat and Family,
We share your loss. John's smile was wonderful and irradiating like sunshine to all. We regretfully were unable to attend the service.
Best Regards,
Tim and Brenda Kauffman*

Tim/Brenda Kauffman - August 21, 2023 at 06:51 AM

FC

“ I feel so honored to have known John, along with all of his wonderful family. It was always a pleasure to engage with John. I wish I would have enjoyed more of his stories and life adventures. Knowing much of his wonderful family, I'm sure John felt great love and support always. I will be out of town during his service and send my most heartfelt and sincere condolences.
Frank Carano

Frank Carano - August 16, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RF

“ John and I spent many hours in the lab together. He was a meticulous researcher and his work was highly respected. I have many memories of our spending hours working on the wording of a report or research paper. We hunted pheasant and grouse on many occasions, I think with the same intensity. . John was a great colleague and friend in all respects. My sincere condolences. He will be missed.

Dick Fantazier

Richard Fantazier - August 15, 2023 at 09:20 PM



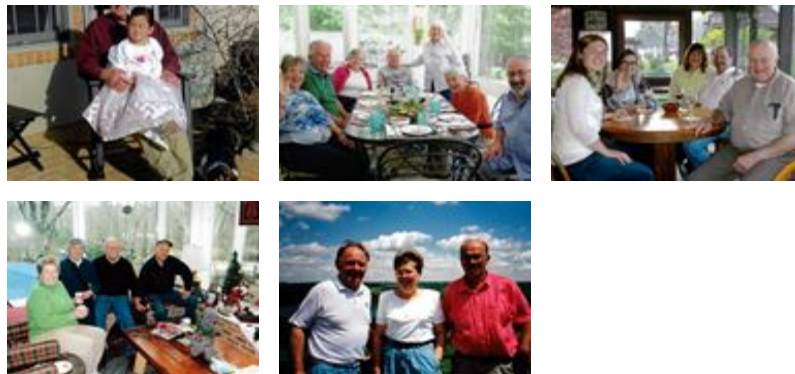
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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 15, 2023 at 04:58 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - August 14, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Pat and family. Love, Phil, Mickey & Chris Nissley*

Phil Nissley - August 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM

PL

“ *Patty LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of John Edward Herweh*



Patty LeBlanc - August 13, 2023 at 09:27 PM