



## John Murdock Hull III

February 12, 1928 - January 4, 2023

John M Hull, 94 of Chambersburg died Wednesday January 4, 2023 at the Chambers Pointe Campus of Menno Haven. He was born February 12, 1928 in Westfield NJ, son of the late Dorothy (Beeken) and John Hull Jr.

After growing up in Fanwood, NJ, and with World War II still going strong, John joined the U.S. Army on his 17th birthday in February 1945, anxious to do his part in the war effort. Enlisted under the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program (ASTRP) after finishing his senior year, he was sent to the University of Delaware where he completed a year of engineering in four months, after which he served as a radio operator in the Army Signal Corps for two years. John began his architectural studies in 1948 at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh. John graduated in 1953 and married Maryann Benedict of Chambersburg. The couple moved to Augusta, GA where John worked for an architectural firm and Maryann worked on-air at a local TV station. After the birth of their first son Mike, the couple returned to Chambersburg in 1957, where John founded a new architectural firm with his college friend Harold (Smokey) Noelker. A second son, Steve was born in 1958. As the firm grew, John became very active in the local community, serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce, the CADC and FCADC, and as a long serving board member of the F&M Trust Company. John designed dozens of homes, churches, schools and other projects throughout

the region. Some of his well-known projects include St. Johns UCC, the Chambersburg Middle School, the Totem Pole Playhouse and later the chapel at the Presidential Retreat at Camp David. John's first wife Maryann died in 1970, and two years later he married Nancy, his devoted wife of more than fifty years, and welcomed her two children, Brian and Lucinda into the family. In addition to his work and community service, John was a passionate golfer and made many friends in his years at the Chambersburg Country Club. He loved to sketch and painted watercolors as well. He was also an avid musician, and played the French horn throughout most of his life, playing in the Augusta Symphony, the Hagerstown Municipal Band, the Potomac Symphony (later known as the Maryland Symphony), the Millbrook Orchestra and others. He was also a member of the Mercersburg Community Chorus, and enjoyed years of singing in the choir at St John's Church, where he served on the Consistory and later at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Scotland PA.

John is survived by his wife Nancy, children Michael (wife Jan), Stephen (wife Susan), Cindy (Lombardo) and Brian (Kump), as well as grandchildren Alicia Bell, Aaron Hull, Adam Hull, Anna Lombardo, Grace Lombardo, Matthew Kump, Lauren Kump and Alexis Kump. He was also blessed to have 6 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Grace Hull, also a resident of Menno Haven.

A memorial service will be held in the Spring, and a date will be announced in the future. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg (located in Scotland PA), to the Benevolent Fund of Menno Haven in Chambersburg, or to the Wounded Warriors Project at <https://support>

t.woundedwarriorproject.org.

<https://youtube.com/live/NJ81p0fuPmY?feature=share>

# Tribute Wall

BZ

“ John was a gracious and generous man, and a thoughtful listener. He was the epitome of a community leader.

Bob Ziobrowski - January 12, 2023 at 12:21 AM

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“ A true gentleman and an honor and privilege to have known him and Nancy. God bless and condolences to the family and all who loved him. The Cormanys

Tim Cormany - January 11, 2023 at 02:22 PM

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“ Without a doubt, a great person both in the office and outside of the office. I for one will truly miss him and some of the lunches the four of us got to share over the past year.

Sue and Ty - January 11, 2023 at 01:48 PM

DE

I knew John and Maryann from the church choir. A very nice couple. He was so devoted to his first wife during her illness and death. So glad when he and Nancy married. John was a very giving person and loved everything he was in involved with. Condolences to the family.

Darlene Perry Etchberger - January 12, 2023 at 11:22 AM

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The years playing Horn with John were a joy. He was a gentleman and friend. EdSchupp

Ed Schupp - January 17, 2023 at 06:33 PM