



John Everett Culp

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John Everett Culp Jr., age 72, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Milford Memorial Hospital with his loving family by his side. He was born November 11, 1939 in Jena, LA, son of the late John Everett and Lou Ellen (West) Culp.

Mr. Culp was raised in Gurdon, AR where he graduated high school. In 1962, he graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with a BS in Mechanical Engineering; he was a member of several academic societies as well as R.O.T.C. while in school. He had a varied career path that included three years of active duty with the US Army at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, MD where he was a Second and First Lieutenant and aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Heister with whom he enjoyed playing golf, handball and squash.

Following his military service, John worked as an engineer for Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, PA while pursuing an MBA from Muhlenberg and Lehigh University. After four years with Air Products, John and his colleagues started several businesses in the Lehigh Valley, one of which remains today.

John was an avid skier and looked forward to weekends with his friends skiing in New York and Vermont when he was younger. John enjoyed taking annual fishing trips to Canada with family and friends for many years. He also enjoyed boating with special friends on the Chesapeake Bay and in Ocean City, New Jersey. A fishing trip to Alaska with his son John was especially memorable.

John is survived by his wife of 47 years Carole (Potter) Culp; a son John E. Culp III and wife Karen of Phoenix, AZ; a daughter Traci Sonnenberg and husband Nathan of Vienna, VA; 6 grandchildren of Phoenix, and Vienna; and two brothers: Barry and wife Kay of Dobson, NC and Joe and wife Christie of Pasadena, MD.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 23, at 4:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE where friends may visit



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with the family beginning at 3:00 PM. He will be entombed at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Disabled American Veterans of Delaware, c/o Arthur Chick, 16206 County Seat Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign John's online guest book at this site.

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Tribute Wall

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FB

Frank & Camille Bucci posted:

Dear Carole, We were so saddened to learn of John's passing. We will always remember him as a wonderful friend and neighbor and always remember the good times we had together. Suffering a personal loss is always emotionally trying. We know that all the fond memories you, Jackie, and Traci share will comfort and sustain you during this sad period. The losses of our family members through the years proved to us that notes, well-wishes, and prayers of relatives and friends are very helpful during these times. Please know that we and others share this bereavement with you and hope it will be a source of consolation, peace, and comfort to you and your family. Frank and Camille

March 31 at 8:00 PM

GG

Geoffrey N Gehringer posted:

i first met john in the fall of 1997 when i started working for atlantic crane. he engineered all the cranes that we were to install. i soon learned that he was a hard working, dedicated fellow. there were many nights that i'd return to the office from a job at 8:00 at night and find john hunched over his computer screen, tweaking his work. he was always softspoken and pleasant. i never heard him speak ill of anyone. he'd always take time to offer advice on any technical problems that he could help you with. and he was very knowledgeable about things. although his name isn't attached to the product of his efforts, it can be seen all over the lehigh valley and way beyond.

March 26 at 8:00 PM

JG

Joanne & Joe Geist posted:

Carole, We were sorry to hear about John. Please accept our Deepest Sympathy & prayers. Sincerely, Joanne & Joe Geist

March 22 at 8:00 PM

PB

Peggy Shepherd Byers posted:

Dear Carol, David and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God Bless and keep you at this difficult time. With love and prayers, Peggy

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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RC

Randy And Betty Calley posted:

Culp family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

March 21 at 8:00 PM

BE

Brian Eiland posted:

Hello Carol, Terry told me of your lost. I'm very sad to hear of it. I hope for the best for you. Sorry we didn't catch up at the reunion.

March 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of John Everett Culp, Jr..

March 20 at 8:00 PM

PD

Phil Donatelli posted:

Mr. Culp was a very kind man. My condolences to the family.

March 20 at 8:00 PM

DC

David And Ellen Culp posted:

Really sorry to hear about Johnny. We had some good times hunting and fishing, didn't we.88f8gg

March 20 at 8:00 PM

RB

Reda Burk posted:

Offering my deepest condolences to John's family. John and I worked together in the 60's at the Army Ordnance School at APG. I was secretary to General Hiester and John was his Aide-de-Camp. John was one of the nicest, kindest, gentle man I had ever worked with. We had reconnected recently thru his brother on FB and it was so good to hear from him. I had the honor of pinning his 1st LT bars on him when he was promoted. I will always remember him with affection. I am so sorry for your loss.

March 20 at 8:00 PM



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ML

Melissa And Chris Logan posted:

Dear Traci and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are glad you were able to live so close to your father and see him so regularly. From all your stories, I know you, Nathan and your wonderful children brought great joy to his life. Big hugs to you from South Africa.

March 20 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dick & Bonnie Sellers posted:

Carol Please accept our condolence .Our thoughts and Prayers are with you . With sympathy ...Bonnie and Dick

March 20 at 8:00 PM

LM

Linda Myers posted:

Dear Carol and Family-Please accept my sincere sympathy on John's passing. I remember him as a kind and gentle man who always had a kind word. You are in my thoughts and prayers...remember...Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves memories no one can steal. Sincerely, Linda (Hedenberg) Myers

March 20 at 8:00 PM

JF

Jane Aylor Fretz posted:

Dear Carole, Traci and Jackie: It's with a heavy heart that we offer our sincere sympathy at John's passing. He was a man of integrity and empathy who adored his family. We will remember his constant smile, jovial nature and gentle spirit and his friendship. We've known each other for a very long time dating back to Aberdeen Proving Ground. He will be missed. Much love....Jane & Glenn Fretz

March 20 at 8:00 PM

TS

The Kiesel's posted:

Our sympathy and prayers are with you all .

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ED

Ed & Sue Dungan posted:

Dear Carole and family, Please accept our condolences in this time of sorrow. I have not known John for that long but can honestly say it was a true pleasure. So many times we discussed projects on the phone and wandered off on other topics. I feel truly blessed that I had the chance to travel to Allentown and meet John face to face. I apologize in advance for not being able to attend the service, but John will be in our prayers and our hearts. May God bless. Ed & Sue Dungan

March 19 at 8:00 PM

TS

Terry Sheppard posted:

Carole so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in many prayers in several different states. Lean on God. Love you, Terry

March 19 at 8:00 PM

TS

Traci Sonnenberg posted:

Dear Dad, You touched so many lives, and we are all better for having you in our's. I'm so very proud of you for the honorable, kind and honest man that you practiced in life everyday. We are all blessed for having been a part of your life. Thank you for showing me how to live like you. All my love and deepest devotion, Traci

March 18 at 8:00 PM

NA

Nick And Carol Antich posted:

Carole, You and John and Carol and I had many great times and adventures together. The topper was Tangier Sound. John was special. He was honest, caring and would lend a helping hand to anyone. Life throws curves at all of us, but John had more than his fair share, and never complained. John was a great friend and we will sorely miss him. Nick and Carol

March 18 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jackie Culp posted:

I love you Dad! Thank you for everything! I miss you!

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LS

Lou & Jeanne Sgro posted:

Dear Carole, Lou and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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SG

Sandy Money And Bert Goff posted:

Carole and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you, in this difficult time. John was truly a kind caring individual and wish we could have spent more time with Him. May He finally be at peace and know that you have many new friends here in CV who will be here for you.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

CC

Connie Curtin posted:

Dear Carole, Traci and Jackie, I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. This has got to be very difficult as he was truly a very loving, caring man. He will be missed by many. Our love and deepest sympathy to all of you. Connie

March 18 at 8:00 PM

JC

Joyce Cugliotta posted:

Dear Carole and family: May you find comfort in the knowledge that you were such a loving part of such a beautiful life. John & Carole were a special couple. We will miss him dearly.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

MO

Michelle G. Olson posted:

My dear Carole, I cannot believe it - I knew John was sick, but had no idea to this degree. I am so sorry for your loss and the pain you are going through right now. My heart is heavy for you. I will be praying for you. Much Love, Michelle

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BT

Bill And Julie Taylor posted:

Dear Traci and family, we send our love, and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Your dad adored you and was so proud of you, Traci--I remember his beaming face at your wedding and joyous reception. May you be comforted by happy memories.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

CC

Cara Collymore posted:

Dear Traci and family, Sending you lots of love and hold you close in our thoughts during this difficult time. Your Dad was a gentle, caring soul and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to know him. With so much love! The Collymores

March 18 at 8:00 PM

BJ

Beth Jones posted:

Mr. C (aka Mr. Culp, was such a delightful person to be around. I feel blessed to have known him and always thought of he and Carole as my second parents. I know he will be deeply missed by many of us whose lives he touched. My thoughts and love are with the Culp and extended family.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

NS

Neal And Suzanne Sonnenberg posted:

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Culp Family. While we only knew John peripherally through Traci and Nathan, the few times we met him were always special. He was a kind and caring person. His memory will live on through Traci and his wonderful grandchildren.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

NS

Nathan Sonnenberg posted:

John (Poppi) will be missed by all of us but especially by our kids (Tahlia, Asher, Zachary). John was a wonderful, caring, and giving individual. He kept everyone around the table laughing and loved playing with kids. His heart was pure and he loved his family immensely. We will all miss you John. You were a sweet and caring man.

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JS

Judy And Fred Sonnenberg posted:

May he rest in peace! John was a very kind and loving father and grandfather. It was our privilege to know him. Judy and Fred Sonnenberg and Family

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TN

Tim And Patti Nicholson posted:

Dear Carole, We were so sorry to read your email/note this morning. We did stay in touch with George and Linda and we knew that John was not doing well. Please know that you and your daughters and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. We plan to see you at services at Parsell's. Love and Prayers, Patti and Tim

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PS

Patricia R. Salmon posted:

John was one of the most kind and gentle people I ever met. He was soft spoken, interesting and a good man.

March 17 at 8:00 PM

VS

Vern Scandola posted:

Dear Carole, We have such a very long history, and I am reliving a lot of it today. Saw Jane at a family brunch today and she told me about John's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your children. I can still see him sharp, properly creased uniform with his shoulders back walking with General Heister. I'll remember him that way. I wish you the best. Vern

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RV

Richard Vettrai posted:

Sorry for your loss Carole, John was a Fine Man. He will be in peace now. F

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CS

Carole & Nicholas Samios posted:

The Samios Family is so sad today to hear of the passing of John. We hope he is in peace now after years of ill health. Sympathy to Carole, Tracy, Jackie spouses & children. I'm sure the family will miss his pleasant personality & wonderful smile- he was always a happy person!

March 17 at 8:00 PM

TB

Tommy & Carolyn Culp Bratton posted:

Carol and all of the Family, We are so sorry to hear about Johnny, but we know he is now in a better place and will not be suffering. We had such great times growing up together and just living across the road from each other. All of the cousins seemed to enjoy coming to Gurdon and sharing our country life. I wish we had stayed closer over the years. We have all of you in our prayers. May God Bless and Comfort You at this difficult time. Our love, Carolyn & Tommy

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HN

Harriet And Al Needleman posted:

To our dear friend John, you were special in life and now you can rest in peace. The world was better for having you and now you can soar! Love, Al and Harriet

March 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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