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John W Beach, age 93, of Lewes, DE passed away on Monday, November 29, 2016, at the Country Rest Home, in Greenwood, DE. He was born on Thursday, November 29, 1923 in Rehoboth Beach, DE, son of the late John W. and Margaret (Wenyon) Beach.

After graduating from Rehoboth High School in 1941 Beach served 3 years in the Army Air Corp before attending the University of Delaware. He was a member the Theta Chi Fraternity and active with the college newspaper. In 1949 he transferred to the Charles Morris Price School in Philadelphia to study Journalism and later completed his studies at Columbia University in newspaper management.

In 1951, Mr. Beach was named Editor-Manager of the weekly Dover Index in Dover, Delaware. In 1953 when it was merged with the weekly Delaware State News to become a daily newspaper he continued with the daily publication. He served as Publisher, a number of years before retiring in 1976. In addition to his position with the daily he served on the Board of Directors of Independent Newspapers, Inc. during its initial expansion into Maryland, Florida and Arizona.

In 1970, Mr. Beach wrote "Cape Henlopen Lighthouse" which was on the Delaware best seller list for several months. A second edition was printed in 1971 and a revised edition with chapters on the Delaware Breakwater was printed in 1979 and 1993. All editions are now out of print. In 1984 he published the popular "This Was Rehoboth Beach", a collection of "flotsam, jetsam and trivia" of Rehoboth Beach in the 1930's and 1940's. Now out of print. Mr. Beach's third book, "Pirates on the Delaware" published in 1993, is also out of print. In addition to the books he wrote Beach wrote numerous articles for local and national publications. He continued as a newspaper consultant for a number of years after retirement.

Mr. Beach was a devoted father and husband and grandfather. He was well respected on both a personal and professional level. He enjoyed golf and was a former member of the board of



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directors of both Maple Dale Country Club, in Dover, and Rehoboth Beach Country Club in Rehoboth.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 63 years, Jenny (Cooper) Beach; his two sons, David S and his wife, Jan of Huntsville, AL and Jay D. of Lewes, DE; six grandchildren: Katie Cross, Chad Cross, David Scott Beach, Leah Beach, Chase Beach and Macy Beach; nieces: Carole Ann Medd, Lynne Mitchell and Janis Lewes. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his oldest son, John W. Beach III and his daughter, Linda Beach, his step-father, Forrest P. Wenyon and his sister, Becky Palmer.

All Services are private.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Country Rest Home for their wonderful and loving care, especially nurse Jane and his aide Blanche.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to All Saints Church, 18 Olive Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or to Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Mr. Beach's online guest book on this site.



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Barbara Tebbens Ellis posted:

It is with deep sadness that I read about Jack's passing. He was a good friend to my brother-in-law, John Carr, and I remember him as a kind, big hearted gentleman. My condolences to his family.
Barbara Ellis (Mrs. Richard Ellis)

December 1 at 3:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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