



# John Walter Souder

OCT 6, 1924 - APR 14, 2018



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## **John Walter Souder**

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**J**ohn W. Souder, age 93, of Lewes died peacefully on Saturday, April 14 at The Moorings of Lewes (formerly Cadbury at Lewes). John was born in Hogestown, PA. His family later moved to Palmyra, PA where he completed high school and worked for the Hershey Chocolate Corporation until he was drafted into the US Army in March 1943. In March 1944, shortly after completing basic training, he was sent to Italy with the 85th Infantry. He participated in the Battle of Cassino and was part of a group captured by the German Army in May 1944. He remained a POW until April 1945.

After his discharge from the Army in Dec. 1945, John returned to Palmyra and began working for a plastering contractor. He met Signa, and they were married in May 1948. They moved to Delaware in 1950, living first in Georgetown and then Midway. After working for a time with local contractors, John started his own plastering business which he operated for many years. He later worked as a wholesale hardware representative until his retirement.

John was a long-time member of Epworth United Methodist Church where he served for a time as the Superintendent of Sunday School. He was a member and Past Master of Jefferson Masonic Lodge in Lewes. He was a skilled woodworker and especially enjoyed carving birds.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years Signa M. Souder, his daughter Suzanne Souder and her husband Glenn Rill of New Castle, his son John R. Souder of Milton, his son Eric H. Souder of Annandale, Va, 2 nieces, and 1 nephew. He was predeceased by his parents, his sisters Helen and Ruth, and 1 nephew.

Funeral services preceded by Masonic Services will be held on Tuesday April 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Epworth United Methodist Church where viewing will be held beginning at 10 AM. Burial will be private at All Saints Cemetery, Angola.



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In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Epworth UM Church, Mortgage Fund, 19285 Holland Glade Rd, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the online guest book at this site.



# Events

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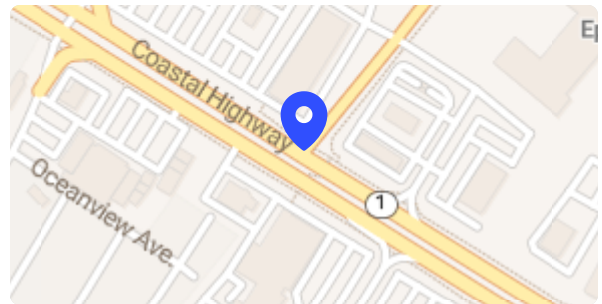
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## Viewing

**Tuesday**, April 24, 2018

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE

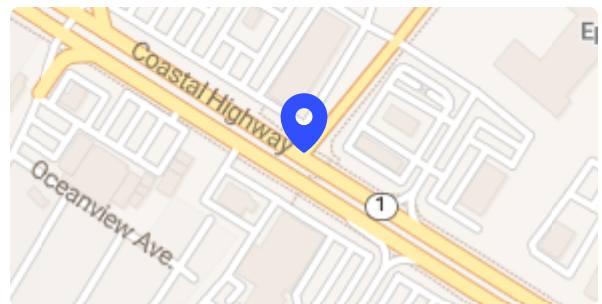


## Funeral Service

**Tuesday**, April 24, 2018

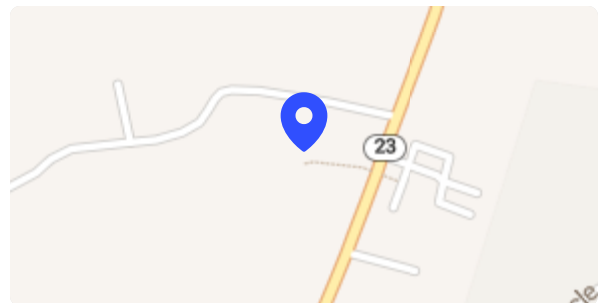
11:00 AM ET

**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



## Cemetery Details

**All Saints Cemetery**  
20274 Beaver Dam Road (Rt. 23), Harbeson DE





## Tribute Wall

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AE

**Anthony Egel** posted:

John and family.....your Dad was a very special guy. My condolences to you, and I will be thinking about the Souder clan.Sincerely, Anthony Egel

April 23 at 12:59 PM

JD

**John W. Dean II** posted:

John & Eric, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts are with you and your families.John W. Dean IIMilton, Delaware

April 19 at 2:50 PM

DM

**Dale Magee** posted:

Mrs. Souder, Suzanne, Eric, Bro. John, Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dale "Woody" Magee.

April 19 at 11:07 AM

CJ

**Caddie A. Joseph** posted:

Signa, Suzanne, John & Eric. While we have known for quite a while that John W. wasn'tin the best of health, it still comes as a shock with sadness when the time of passingactually comes. We are extremely sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We all did have many good years with John and many memories have been formed. Hold on to them and they will comfort you. We would be in attendance for his services if we hadn't made reservations last fall for a bus trip on Tuesday. We will be thinking of you and keep all of you in our prayers.God Bless you all.Caddie Ann & "Chubby" Joseph

April 18 at 8:48 AM

SF

**Susan Fisher** lit a candle in honor of John Walter.

Dear Mrs. Souder and family,Sending prayers and condolences and love to you all.Have many fond memories of the times Mom and I would babysit for the children.Sorry I won't be able to attend Mr. Souder's services due to my work schedule.Keep his memory alive in your hearts.Susan (Webb) Fisher



April 18 at 8:34 AM



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CB

**Chris Bowden Sr** posted:

so long my old friend. I enjoyed seating in lodge with you and your son. you well be missed.

April 18 at 7:25 AM

JB

**Jonathan Baker** posted:

Donna and I sent our love and prayers for the family upon hearing of John's death. It was such a blessing to have a chance to see him and all of you at the Anniversary service last year. We give thanks to God for his life and all he meant to us and the Epworth family. I especially remember our shared love of woodworking. God bless you with abiding joy and peace. Jonathan

April 18 at 5:48 AM

TW

**Terry Warrington** posted:

Mrs. Souder, Eric and the entire Souder Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I hope that the support of family and friends help you through this difficult time. Take the time to share your cherished stories, they will bring you great joy. Wishing you all peace in your hearts in the days ahead. Terry (Brandner) Warrington

April 18 at 4:53 AM

GH

**Ginny Hysock** lit a candle in honor of John Walter.

I'm sorry to hear of John's passing. My condolences to Signa and the Souder family. May he Rest In Peace.

April 17 at 6:50 PM



SS

**Shelly Souder** posted:

May your hearts know comfort and peace, and may flights of angels sing John to his Heavenly rest. Love and blessings to all.

April 17 at 2:08 PM



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**Preston Hitchens** posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Souder were like surrogate parents to me and my sisters when we moved to the area of Rt. 1 and Rt. 24 in 1963-64. I am saddened by the loss of Mr. Souder and offer my prayers and sincere condolences to the entire Souder family; Mrs. Souder; Suzanne, John, and Eric. The memory that comes to mind right now is the fun we had at the Souder Cabin--it was an annual event, as I remember it happened around Thanksgiving. In any case, a true gentleman. Mr. Souder was one in a million. Preston Hitchens

April 17 at 1:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent an A Full Life to the Souder family.



April 17 at 9:39 AM



**Lauren Nickle** posted:

Sending love and prayers to the Souder family. What an amazing and caring man. He will be missed dearly. With love, Lauren (Rill) Nickle

April 17 at 9:27 AM



**John And Louise Showell** April 22 at 4:41 AM

Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, John and Louise Showell



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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