



# John M. Reffner

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## **John M. Reffner**

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**J**ohn Michael Reffner, age 74, of Lewes, DE passed away at his home on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. He was born on September 30, 1943 in Altoona, PA, son of the late John M. Reffner and Winifred Eckels Merten.

Mr. Reffner graduated from Altoona Area High School, Class of 1961. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Reffner made his career as a successful realtor in Altoona for Coldwell Banker and Town & Country Real Estate for many years, until 2016. He most recently worked for Berkshire Hathaway, Gallo Realty in Lewes. Mr. Reffner was very active with the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, a community art museum in Altoona. He was a loving husband, brother, uncle and friend who will be dearly missed.

Mr. Reffner is survived by his husband, Barry Gearhart; his brother, Timothy Reffner and his wife Carole; his nephew, Josh Reffner; his niece, Robyn England; his step children: Brian Gearhart and his wife Natalie and Stacey Goughnour and her husband John; and his step grandchildren: Caleb, Ella, Alli, and Patrick.

Interment will be held privately at Alto Rest Cemetery in, Altoona, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Reffner's name to the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. Checks may be mailed to, ATTN: Sandie, Saint Francis University Mall, P.O. Box 9, Loretto, PA 15940 with a memo referencing John Reffner or by calling 814-472-3920.

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



## Tribute Wall

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MS

**Marlene Smithers** posted:

Sandy Moore Klinzing, Judy Weaver Benedict, and I, Marlene Miller Smithers, were Spanish majors at IUP. We graduated in 1965 with John, who was our dear friend. We were saddened to read of his passing in the recent IUP Alumni Magazine. We were all in the same Spanish classes together and enjoyed our time together. Today we exchanged memories and shared experiences with John, so glad that we knew him.

December 31 at 2:17 PM

KR

**Kristy** posted:

Please accept our sincere condolences. Sussex County Association of Realtors

July 3 at 4:49 AM

TK

**Todd Keith** posted:

John was absolutely hands-down the most influential person in my life. I have known him since I was in 6th grade and we have remained friends ever since. I have written a chapter on him in a book I am going to publish. It is too long to print here but if anyone would like to read that chapter, please email me at the following email: [twkman@gmail.com](mailto:twkman@gmail.com) I am not sure I would be here today without John's influence in my life, from teacher and employer to mentor and friend. I am heartbroken at his loss and know he was beloved by hundreds if not thousands of people. My condolences to Barry and the family and friends who loved him so. Todd Keith

June 22 at 9:17 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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