



# John Page Holt III

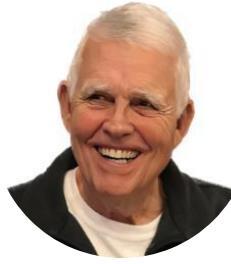
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## **John Page Holt III**

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**J**ohn Page Holt, III died peacefully Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at his home in Lewes, Delaware, with his family at his side. He was born on November 18, 1939, in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of Jack and Bette Holt.

He served in and was honorably discharged from the United States Army following high school, and then met the love of his life, Barbara Harrington. John and Barbara married on August 25, 1962, in Maynard, Massachusetts. They moved to Cookeville, Tennessee, where John enrolled in and graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1966. After graduation, John began what would become a 30-year career with DuPont, culminating with his position as Superintendent of Human Resources for DuPont Printing and Publishing operations in Boothwyn, PA.

In retirement, John and Barbara discovered their new love of the community of Lewes, Delaware, where they have enjoyed life with many friends and family gatherings. John and Barbara enjoyed many opportunities for travel throughout the United States and internationally, but always enjoyed returning to their home in Lewes. In Lewes, John found close friendships and kindred spirits as a Docent and proud member of the Dirty Hands Gang for the Lightship Overfalls LV-118. He served as President and Treasurer of the Port Lewes Homeowner's Association and as a member of the Finance Committee of the Lewes Historical Society.

John was a consummate engineer whose love of design, construction and use of tools was always a significant part of his life and a part of what he was able to share and create for friends and family. He was a kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was immensely proud of his three daughters and seven grandchildren and loved his time spent talking, laughing and sharing with each one of them. He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren and friends, but most of all by his life partner Barbara with whom he shared 61 years of marriage. He loved her dearly and considered their time together his greatest blessing.



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John is survived by his wife Barbara Harrington Holt of Lewes, Delaware; his three children and their spouses and partners: Sandy Holt Cattafesta and Mark Cattafesta of Avondale, PA, Tricia Holt and Christian Chiles of Norfolk, VA; Page Holt and Jim Short of Lewes, DE; and his grandchildren and their spouses and partners: Alex Cattafesta and Alexis Vega of Philadelphia, PA, Emily Cattafesta and Abigail Cattafesta of Philadelphia, PA, Noah Chiles and Becca Cornbrooks of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Chloe Chiles and Harrison Cook of Charlottesville, VA, Cooper Chiles of Norfolk, VA, Casey Bell and Matt Torbert of Lewes, DE, and Connor Bell of Avondale, PA.

A memorial service will be held in Lewes, DE at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Lightship Overfalls Foundation at <https://overfalls.org>.



## Tribute Wall

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**Tracy Mulveny** posted:

Dear Barbara, It is so sad that John and I have not been able to share our Monday mornings guiding for the Overfalls for quite a while. We did have some good times both as guides and partying at the Overalls events. I know you and your family will miss him deeply and I share in your sorrow. He was a delightful friend and covolunteer. My sympathy to you and your family. Tracy Mulveny

October 5 at 12:08 PM

JW

**James David Wilson** posted:

Dear Barbara, Sandy, Tricia and Page, Carmen and I are very saddened by the news of John's passing which Greyson Franklin, an old Normandy Manor friend, sent to us. I have very fond memories of John as well as of Bette and Jack, Bill and the entire "Holt Clan," of which you all are a part. John was a very kind, sweet and big-hearted man, as was Bill, in the true Holt family tradition. John had a wonderful sense of humor, and we always had lots of fun with him and you all. We know that his loss is a tremendous burden for your families. Be grateful that John was a key part of your lives for so many years. We shall not forget him. With our sincere condolences, Jimmy and Carmen Wilson Pferdekoppel 629643 Neuenkirchen, Germany

October 5 at 6:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Holt family.



September 30 at 7:53 AM

MC

**Melinda Chaite** posted:

Goodbye big John and RIP will miss you!! 😊

September 29 at 12:34 PM

JL

**Jill Wright Lincoln** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up with Tricia and Sandy and we shared similar Dad backgrounds of Tennessee, DuPont, and Engineering. I know you have happy memories of your Dad... I remember him fondly. Hugs.

September 29 at 6:18 AM



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**Daniel Halvorsen** lit a candle in honor of James.

Condolences to Barbara and family 🙏❤️

September 29 at 5:32 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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