



Edward Franklin John, Jr.

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Edward F. John, 89, of Lewes, passed away at home on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024. He was born in Pottstown, PA, son of the late Edward F. John, Sr., and Dorothy Kathryn (Shanaman) French, John.

Ed was predeceased by his sister, Margaret S. (John) Swavely and his brother Richard M. John. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, N. Claudette (Rondum) John of Lewes, DE; Melanie G. (John) DeBlase, McGarry of Reading, PA; Amy D. (John) Healy of Douglassville, PA; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Ed graduated from North Coventry High School in 1953 and earned a diploma from Reading Business Institute in June 1955. He went to work immediately thereafter in the Berks County Trust Investment Department.

Ed joined Gudebrod, Inc., a specialty textile company with manufacturing in Pottstown, in Dec. 1956, learning the business from the ground up. He worked for the company for 49 years, becoming the only non-family president and CEO. He retired in 2005, remaining Chairman of the Board of Directors for three years.

Ed actively contributed to every community in which he lived. As a teenager he was an assistant scout master, and his interest in archery prompted him to organize what eventually became the Frontier Archery Club in South Coventry. Ed was a member of Stichter Lodge #254 F&AM in Pottstown and a past high priest of the Pottstown Royal Arch #27. He was a member of the Rajah Shrine, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite, and the Pottsgrove High Twelve #321.

Ed was an avid hunter with bow and arrow, shotgun, and rifle. He fished fresh and salt water, and his family ate everything he shot and caught. He was a gifted athlete: a high scoring bowler, a consistent winner in competition archery —instinctive, no sights — and in skeet.



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Ed began shooting skeet in his 50s at Cacoosing Gun Club, in Birdsboro, PA, and continued that interest after moving to Lewes, joining the Salisbury Gun Club in MD. He has many trophies, medals, and awards from local and state competitions. He not only won many tournaments but loaded shells in all four gauges and developed his own specialty shotgun loads. Mentoring his peers and teaching and supporting youth programs were the important gifts of Ed's later years. He taught and coached anyone who asked for help.

As an active member of Conley's UMC in Lewes, DE, Ed was on the Staff Parish Relations Committee and later Church Council. He was Chairman of Council until he became too ill to serve. He was a strong supporter of Camp Hope, a summer enrichment program for underprivileged children begun by Conleys.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Conley's UMC, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE, where family and friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

A memorial service will be held in PA at St. John's UCC, 57 St. John's Road, Birdsboro, PA, 19508 on Saturday, Jan 11, 2025, visitation, 10 a.m. service at 11.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Camp Hope C/O Conley's UMC, <https://www.conleysumc.org/camp-hope> .

Please sign Ed's Tribute wall at this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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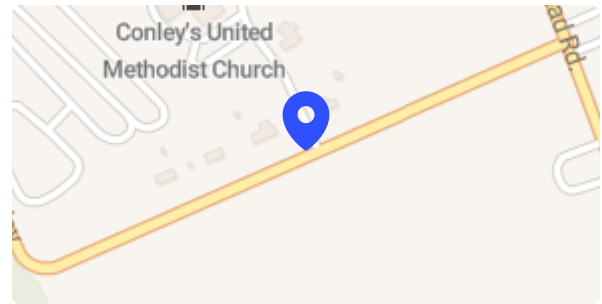
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 5, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Conley's United Methodist Church**
33106 Jolyn's Way, Lewes DE

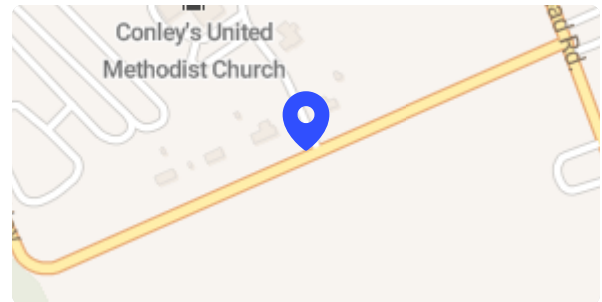


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The Men Of Field Five planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



December 2 at 8:41 AM



The Men Of Field Five sent a Sweet Sincerity to the John family.



December 2 at 8:41 AM



Gregg Peck posted:

I met Ed shooting skeet at Cacoosing. He was a pleasure to be around, a very intense competitor, a gentleman, and a fun person to be around. He will be missed.

November 27 at 4:39 AM



Knute S Rondum posted:

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November 23 at 3:21 PM



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RH

Robert Ruf And Helen Ruf posted:

I met Ed shooting at cacoosing gun club we quickly became friends . He was always a great competitor. Always enjoyed his company and his generosity. He will be truly missed! Helen and Bob Ruf wish our deepest condolences to the family

November 23 at 2:37 PM

RK

Rick Kubiak December 3 at 5:38 AM

Truly a great man in all respects. He'll be missed and thought of, quoted, and remembered by the entire Salisbury Gun Club for quite a while. He made an impact on everyone he met and I'm sure that was every where he travelled.

NS

Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Tony Samec November 27 at 4:52 AM

Good memories of being neighbors in East Coventry. I remember when your dog Buck would bring you our paper so he could get a treat. And how I would see our dog Heidi visiting you inside your kitchen. You have our deepest sympathies for your loss.

BD

Brad Deblase posted:

I met Ed was I was young teenager through my brother. He taught me a lot about archery. Later when I began working at Gudebrod he gave me the opportunity to advance in the company and taught me well. I will always remember the good times we had at work and Hunting. He always had a joke to tell. He will ve missed by us all.Brad DeBlase

November 23 at 1:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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