

John Paul Oberholtzer

July 11, 1936 - January 19, 2020

Greensboro – John Paul Oberholtzer passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 19, 2019 at his home at Abbotswood, in Greensboro, NC.

John was known for his love of people and making personal connections throughout his life. He was always amongst friends. He was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1936 and grew up in Orland, PA with his parents, Paul N. Oberholtzer and Grace (Hamilton) Oberholtzer. He attended Abington High School, where he was a standout student and multi-sport athlete. While there, he met the love of his life who later became his cherished wife, Sally (Kay) Oberholtzer. John and Sally were married in 1958 and remained happily married until Sally departed in 2018. Their deep love was demonstrated throughout their life together.

John attended Drexel University, studying Mechanical Engineering, and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity before enlisting in the US Army where he served as a Nike missile technician.

John had a long and successful professional career, holding senior leadership positions across a broad spectrum of manufacturing-based entities, primarily focused in the signage, industrial photography and museum industries. His professional ambitions culminated in the creation of his own company, Southern Graphic Sales, which was founded with Sally in 1980 and was successful and active until he decided to retire in 2014.

John was an excellent father and husband. Family was John's greatest joy. He is survived by his three sons and their families: Pete and his wife Linnie and son John Paul of Ravenel SC; Chris and his children Grace, Benton & Will of Franklin TN; Greg and his wife Rhea and his children Meg & Matt of Atlanta GA. John is also survived by his sister, Sandy Wunder, her husband Mel of Lewisburg PA and their children Daniel, George and Carl.

An avid learner, John enjoyed intellectual challenges as well as contributing to group activities. He was very active in the Greensboro Power Squadron where he served as Commander in 2009. While at Abbotswood, he was treasurer of the Steering Committee and quite proud of their achievements.

Simply, John was a wonderful husband, father, mentor and friend with an infectious personality and a love of life that was easy to be seen by all who met him. He was grateful for all his friends, who are too numerous to list here. Knowing John, he would send out warm and heartfelt thanks for being in his life.

As his family, we can say that John lived a full life of inquisitiveness, wisdom, humor and love. He will be deeply missed.

A celebration of his life will be held at Abbotswood at Irving Park, 3405 Flint Street, Greensboro at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 15.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Greensboro Urban Ministry, 305 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27406.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
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Abbottswood Retirement Community
NC, US

Comments



“ Greg, Peter and Chris...what a perfect, spot on tribute to your dad! Most definitely an infectious personality, curious nature, gifted craftsman and amazing graphics guy. I have so many great memories of times with Sally and John...her courage and grace, and their profound love for each other. Two wonderful friends...a gift in my life. How can I forget the day that Sally drove up to my house, opened the trunk of her car and pulled out a handcrafted, cherry wood step for the new, higher bed I had bought. She said, "John told me to deliver this to you....he calls it the stairway to heaven." Now there was definitely humor in that statement!! I'll see you on the 15th, and have passed the word on to other PEOs in our chapter. Kady

Kathrine Darling Carruthers - February 04 at 07:37 PM

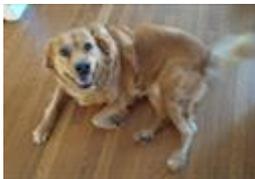


“ Over the past few years, we had the opportunity to get to know both your parents, John and Sally. Burton met and knew John as a member of the Power Squadron, but our relationship grew over our time working with them on their plans to move. We became friends.

We are sorry for your loss. Unfortunately we will be travelling on the 15th and will not be able to attend the services at Abbotswood. However, we did attend Sally's service, and learned about the family life you shared and know you will have precious memories.

We are the family that Roxy adopted, and want you to know that she is doing fine...still a big smile, just a bit slower with age.

Burton & June Kennedy



Burton & June Kennedy - February 03 at 09:01 AM



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Wunder - January 29 at 03:37 PM



“ My husband and I came to know John and Sally through the Greensboro Power Squadron. We have shared many memorable outings on the water with them which we will always treasure. We remember John's willingness to step up to the plate whenever and wherever needed. Both John and Sally faced the increasingly difficult facets of aging with grace, humor, and effort to make the best of every day. Their love and example to all who knew them shall live on!

Carolyn Hackett - January 28 at 08:57 AM