



John Allen Hartmann

December 17, 1932 - December 4, 2020

John Allen Hartmann Life Story

John Allen Hartmann was born December 17, 1932 in Kirkwood, MO, the ninth child (of ten) of August and Magdalena (Ahner) Hartmann. He graduated from Kirkwood High School in 1950, took business classes at Washington University, then served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956 as a Communication Center Specialist. He was stationed in Korea on Chodo Island for 13 months, then at the radar station in Othello, Washington, achieving the rank of Airman First Class.

He married Irene Martha Scharrer on August 20, 1954 in Frankenmuth, Michigan, and to this union four daughters were born. He was president of Hartmann Florist, a greenhouse florist business, from 1956 until 1985, growing cut chrysanthemums and pom-poms, hanging baskets and bedding plants. He sold bedding plants at the Kirkwood Farmer's Market and ran the Christmas Tree stand there for many years as well. Following his extended career in floriculture, he worked as a numismatist (coin expert) for Scotsman Coins.

John was a lifelong resident of Kirkwood and a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood. He was baptized on January 8, 1933 and confirmed into the Christian faith on April 14, 1946. While in the Air Force, he helped start and name Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Othello, Washington. At Concordia, he loved the Men's Bible Study group and reading Scripture portions to the congregation on the 4th and 5th Sundays.

John was a member of the St. Louis Growers Association, the Missouri Farm Bureau and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was an avid Cardinals, Blues and Rams fan. He loved playing golf and had two holes-in-one. He also loved gardening, fishing and bowling and playing softball, bridge and poker.

He was thrilled to have many opportunities to travel. When his son-in-law, Kevin Schumacher, was stationed in the Coast Guard in Florida, Washington, D.C., Alaska and Hawaii, John and Irene would travel to see them and enjoy all kinds of family traveling adventures in those areas. One of his fondest memories as a veteran was joining an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in August, 2017.

John will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Irene, to whom he was married over 66 years, as well as by his daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly (Ralph) Flori, Martha (Kevin) Hasting, Jane (Kevin) Schumacher and Sarah (Ben) Burkemper. He will also be missed by his eleven grandchildren, Corey (Zack) Park, Kelly (fiance' Dave Uffenbeck) Schumacher, Theresa Hasting, Katie (Kevin) Heckman, Andrew (Lindsey) Flori, Ashley (Pedro) Palomino, Aleisha Flori, Mihaela Hasting, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Anne Burkemper, and five great-grandchildren, Jada Stefacek, Isaiah and Noah Park, Preston Hasting and Elias Palomino. He leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews and friends as well.

John was pre-deceased by his parents and his nine siblings, Gus, Fred, Gertrude, Helen, Robert, Martin, Ruth, Norma and Richard.

The burial will be private. A memorial celebration of life for family and friends will be held in 2021. If you are interested, please leave your contact information in the online guestbook at www.stlchapelhill.com. A Virtual Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. CST. Email corey.park@cru.org for more information and a Zoom link. Please give Corey your name and your relationship to John.

Memorial contributions may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel Hill Mortuary, 10301 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Comments



“ I had the privilege to meet John Hartmann the first time when I became pastor at Concordia Kirkwood in 1971. He was in his 30's, raising a family, and operating a nursery. Thru the years, I played golf with him and made frequent contacts. His name tells the story:

J stands for Jesus. Jesus was the center of John's life journey.

O stands for Outgoing and Outstanding at sharing his gifts - caring and with an active concern for family, friends, neighbors, congregants, and strangers.

H stands for Hallelujah, praising his Lord throughout his life.

N stands for Noted for his faith, his family, his fellowship, his friendship, his flowers, his witness, his worship, and his words.

We are grateful for the way John has touched many lives with Jesus for health, hope, and healing.

Pastor Walter M. Schoedel

Walter Schoedel - December 20, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Irene, we are so sorry. John was a good friend and great golfing partner. I very much enjoyed the years of golf with John. The last several years we were a two man scramble team, and we did rather well. It was a nice feeling to usually besting many of the teams much younger than us. Because we drove together, we had lots of time to talk. We talked about world problems and felt if only the rest of the world would listen, issues could be resolved. We also talked about families. John was so proud of his family and loved telling about their accomplishments and honors. He was so proud of each one. I felt I got to know your kids & grandkids personally. I personally benefited by taking advantage of John's calling to tell us of a great grocery bargain at this store or that!

I expect John will be playing golf on a heavenly course—and I expect to join him for another round one of these days. Jan and I send warm vibes and healing thoughts to all of you. John certainly left an imprint on earth in preparation for his present world. He was a blessing and will be missed.

Abe Phillips

Abe & Jan Phillips - December 18, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ What good memories of John! My parents, Wilbur and Ruth VonFange were dear friends with him and Irene, and my siblings and I attended grade school with their daughters. In my teens, I worked several summers for his brother Fred in his greenhouse next door. So I saw a good bit of John and say an "amen" with others who extolled his welcoming manner and the twinkle in his eye.

Mark remembers playing softball with John on the church league as well as his dedicated support to Concordia.

Along with my mother, Ruth, we offer our dearest thoughts and sympathies to Irene, Beverly, Martha and Jane and their families.

Love,
Sue and Mark Schoedel

Susan Schoedel - December 17, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ What great memories I have of my childhood living next door to Uncle John and Aunt Irene! The smell of the green houses, which no one else can understand...the steps through John's greenhouses, from the "shed" to the end of the last house...I think I had them memorized. Now that all the Hartmann brothers have joined their mom and dad, I think Heaven will be a more glorious place with all the beautiful flowers. There's a pinochle game going on too! That sound from the shed is etched in my brain when they would "knock" on the table I now have. Until we meet again, Hugs and Prayers, Lucille Roth

Luci Roth - December 17, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ We offer our deepest condolences to your family. We're so sorry for your loss. May you all be comforted by God's peace, by the love of family and friends, by the rich memories of a life well-lived and by the joy of our eternal hope through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Chuck and Jean Martin - December 17, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ We are the rat pack. We have gathered together from Concordia Lutheran Church from time to time. We celebrated birthdays and planned today to do that together again but God always has better plans. John we will miss you but are very happy you are with Jesus, our hope too. At the March gathering at the St. Louis Wheel, we enjoyed taking pictures and eating out after. That was the last group gathering of all of us. Except we did celebrate the Lords Supper together every Wednesday this March and decided to meet afterward at the front lawn of Concordia, bringing our chairs six feet apart and mask on. It was under the Magnolia tree. We did enjoy that for a time of good weather. We decided to mark on a stone with all our names as a memorial to living stones as God called us. And so we are and so is John forever, but for the rest of us, we will wait. Til then Irene and all of us will gather when we can, supporting all this rat pack so they call us. Comfort to all the family from our Lord Jesus Christ who abundantly gifts us all with His Love.

Streuferts jim and judy - December 17, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ How fun and meaningful it has been to watch Jada connect with Great Grandpa John as we visit each year at Christmas! Such a joy to watch him watch her sing and play. Last Christmas he read to her...this Christmas she would have read to him! We treasure the coin he gave her as a baby and the visit with him to the Ark a few years back! the time we were able to share has been so good. We are so grateful to be family.

Karen Stefacek - December 17, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ There was one thing I could nearly always count on from Mr. Hartmann when he would come to Rolla to attend a function involving his grandson, Andrew Flori, at NorthGate Christian Academy. I was the school principal, and Mr. Hartmann enjoyed testing me to see if I knew the answer to some U. S. history question he would ask. He seemed to enjoy "stumping" the school principal. I'm not sure how long ahead of his visit he prepared the questions, but it seemed that he could hardly wait to ask the question following our initial greetings. It wasn't clear which would give him the greatest pleasure, whether I did or did not know the correct answer. I always looked forward to those meetings with Mr. Hartmann and consider myself privileged to have known him. He was certainly a knowledgeable man and a dedicated, loving father.

David Feeler - December 17, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Visiting Kirkwood during my childhood, my mom--John's older sister, Ruth--and dad and my brothers and I usually stayed at Grandma and Grandpa's house. With John and Irene next door, they were a big part of every visit. I vividly remember the smell of the greenhouses and the work shed and seeing John's calm confidence and loving manner—working hard, playing cards with Grandpa and whoever else was there on the porch, and then going home to Irene and her laughter. I always admired John and Irene for their loving family life and John's patience. On later visits, I remember his stall at the Kirkwood market, selling hanging baskets and other plants and flowers—and that joyful twinkle in his eye. In Ruth's later years, whenever I could travel to St. Louis to visit her, the place she always wanted to go for a visit was to her dear little brother John's house, and John always welcomed us so warmly! I am grateful for having had him as my uncle.

With love from Ellen Gruenbaum (Redlands, California).

Ellen Gruenbaum - December 16, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Allen Hartmann.



December 16, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ I have wonderful memories of playing with our cousins at Uncle John and Aunt Irene's home as a child. Thank you, Beverly and Ralph, for bringing them to visit us last year in Springfield! He will be missed!



Nancy Parrish - December 16, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ On behalf of the Ageless Generation Action Team we are going to miss you and your devotion to the Lord! I personally appreciate your military service to our country and your contribution to our Lunch & Learn programs, especially introducing Kelly.



Don Wolfinger - December 16, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ Thanks for always remembering to care for all of us. I will be forever grateful for the way you were always there for your family and the whole Hartmann clan. I miss being in the greenhouses and I truly miss you.
Until I am able to see you again, Shine On us all.
Eric Farmer

ERIC S FARMER - December 16, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Allen Hartmann.



December 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ I spent some time living with the Hartmann family forty years ago during the semester I did my student teaching in St. Louis County, since my dear friend Martha (Hartmann) Hasting was also student teaching at that time and we shared a vehicle. I so enjoyed talking with John and Irene, playing bridge, hearing about the greenhouses and the coins he loved so much, and just generally enjoying his great care and humor. Because I know all of his wonderful daughters, I know what a wonderful father he was. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, but we rejoice in his victory in Christ!

Deb (Brockschmidt) Poese

Deb Poese - December 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ I feel so blessed to have had Grandpa John in my life since I was a small child. Growing up, I'd spend Thursday evenings at Grandma and Grandpa's, and Grandpa's lap was always a safe place to read a book, or watch a movie. From hiding coins under his chair for us to find, to picking up gumballs and raking leaves, I have so many fond memories with him. And I'm so grateful that my boys got to know their Great Grandfather, a gift that few people get. We will miss you Grandpa, until we see you again in Heaven.



Corey Park - December 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM



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Jane Schumacher - December 10, 2020 at 08:41 AM