

Our Dear Friend, John A. Yoder

John A. Yoder, age 89, passed away peacefully at his residence in Peachtree City, Georgia.



Born on August 3rd, 1933 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Theron Randall and Martha (Rice) Yoder. He was a graduate of Williamsport High School. He continued his education at Dickinson College, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Economics.

John served as an accountant for the United States military during the Korean War. It was while he was stationed in Paris that he met his first wife, Ingrid Braun, of Germany. They shared three children and over 40 years of marriage before Ingrid's passing in 2002.

John was employed as a cost accountant at Abbott Laboratories. He retired to McCormick, South Carolina, where he could spend his days on the neighborhood golf course. Here, he lived with his longtime partner, Jenny Rosenberg, for many years until she passed away in 2020.

On December 4, 2021, John married Pam Hayes at The Lutheran Church by The Lake in McCormick, South Carolina. Together, they relocated to Peachtree City, Georgia.

Throughout his life, John was an avid traveler – taking trips to Egypt, Africa, and all across Europe over the years. He loved to play golf, bridge, and enjoy a rum and tonic in the afternoon.

John was a kind and generous person who took pride in applying himself charitably. In recent years, John established a scholarship program to support students in the McCormick and Abbeville area. In addition, John's contributions to the McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK) have aided with the critical rehabilitation efforts for the historic site. John's

visionary leadership will ensure access to arts and cultural programming for generations.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Pam Hayes Yoder; son, Mark (Laurie) Yoder; his grandchildren, Robyn, Kristen, and Kelly Yoder, Mandy and Bryan Thompson, and Danny Sheehan; Pam's children and grandchildren, who he grew to fondly know and love; his cat, Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Ingrid, his longtime partner, Jenny, and his two daughters, Robin Thompson, and Rebecca Sheehan.



2022 Scholarship recipients with John and Pam Yoder while attending a reception to celebrate their shared success.