



John E. Warner

May 16, 1925 - December 6, 2017

John E. Warner, age 92, passed away peacefully at his home on December 6, 2017 in Bristol, Tennessee. John was born in Horsey, Virginia on May 16, 1925, son of the late Emory Taylor Warner and the late Dorothy Miles Atkinson. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jane.

John spent many years as Music Director in various churches in the region, in partnership with Laura Ann, who served as Church Organist. John graduated from The College of William and Mary and Columbia University with degrees in music education, and he served in the United States Navy in the final years of World War II. John loved being on the water -- from growing up on Virginia's Eastern Shore sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, to constructing his own pontoon boat, the "John Dandy," that was a fixture on South Holston Lake for many years. Music held a special place in his life, from teaching and training others, to simply enjoying something from his vast collection of classical recordings. John also enjoyed preparing fine food, from searching for some obscure recipe, to spending hours in the kitchen perfecting the dish to share with family and friends. Most of all, John was deeply devoted to his family who will carry his love and his memory forever. John was a retired small business owner.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 66 years, Laura Ann; daughter, Susan Bechdel (Les) of McCall, Idaho; son, John Warner (Mary) of Bristol, Virginia; granddaughter, Laura Bechdel (Neal) of McCall, Idaho; grandsons, Max Bechdel of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Jack Warner of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Preston Warner of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and great-grandson, Lucas McAdam of McCall, Idaho. He is also survived by his dear friend and neighbor, Sherry Ratliff.

The family would like to thank the incredibly dedicated staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital and his devoted home-based caregivers, who have provided care and loving support for many months.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. A private service will

be held.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family and viewed by visiting www.oakley-cook.com. Arrangements especially for Mr. Warner and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Comments



“ Dear Mrs. Warner, Susan and John,

Thinking of you, and sending much love.

Bridget Dickert

Bridget Dickert - December 14, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Laura Ann. Praying for your comfort in his peace. Love you

Melody Faust

melody faust - December 08, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ Deborah Price lit a candle in memory of John E. Warner



Deborah Price - December 08, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Rest well, BJ. It was an honor to know you. Thanks for all the stories. Sail on, sir, I will miss you dearly!!!

Deborah Price - December 08, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ Praying for peace for all of the Warners Big John was lots of fun He lived life to the fullest! Love to everyone Janet Clark

janet clark - December 09, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you, Laura Ann, and all the family. Our families' memories of John and all of the Warner family could fill a book and will never be forgotten. We love each and every one of you.

Ruth Nida

Ruth Nida - December 11, 2017 at 03:01 PM