



## John R. Fosnot

October 25, 1939 - September 27, 2024

John R. Fosnot, 84, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2024 at The Middletown Home. Born in Chester, PA, he was the son of the late Clyde and Sadie Fosnot. John was the husband of Peggy (Heigel) Fosnot with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage this past August 1st.

John was a graduate of the Patton Trade School in Elizabethtown class of 1958. He proudly served in the United States Army. John retired from Armstrong World Industries as a supervisor. A Free and Accepted Mason, he was a member of the Abraham C. Triechler Lodge No. 682, F&AM. John was also a member of the Lancaster Lodge of Perfection and the Harrisburg Consistory. John enjoyed playing golf.

The Elizabethtown Boys/Bears Club quite possibly would not exist without the hard work and dedication of John Fosnot. John held various roles within EBC. His "old school" style coaching motivated many on both the football and baseball fields for nearly 40 years. John also spent 34 years as the Treasurer of EBC bringing an almost bankrupt organization back to life. He was known for being frugal, handling the money as if it were his own. He trusted few but helped many.

Both John and Peggy, brought success to the Poplar Street concession stand. They put in an infinite number of hours organizing, working and restocking the stand while taking the time to ensure the best pricing from both local businesses and larger clubs. John was also known for organizing several long-standing fundraising events such as Bowlarama, Golf Tournaments, and Memorial Day Chicken BBQ. These events lasted 10, 25, 35 years respectively. John had a lasting impact on the players he coached, the board members he has served with and the businesses of Elizabethtown area. The youth of Elizabethtown will continue to benefit from John's contribution, and he was an amazing team player! Surviving in addition to his wife, Peggy, are two children, John Fosnot, fiancé of Pamela Lechner of Marietta and James Fosnot, husband of Holly of Lewisburg; two grandchildren, Abby and John Eric Fosnot; and four step-grandchildren, Addison Klock, Chloe Kauffman, and Dylan and Ashley Lechner.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Thorsen.

A celebration of life drop in will be held at Hennigan's Restaurant and Bar, 1990 W Main St, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 1 PM to 5 PM.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Henningans Restaurant and Bar  
1940 West Main Street  
Mount Joy, PA 17552

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ John was one of the first persons I met when I moved to Etown. It was when my son Eric was trying out for baseball at the boys club. He saw he had some talent, pick him and naturally I became an assistant coach. I could say the rest is history but he became a very good friend and confident. The boys club events, football games, golf matches, wrestling matches as well as the numerous baseball games it was evident sports and the kids who participated where the most important thing and he was so proud when one of his kids he coached did well. That was John Fosnot. A man for the kids. Rest in peace my good friend.

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**Jerry Walker** - October 24, 2024 at 09:08 PM

MU

“ Peg, John and James, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. John made a big impact in our families lives; through VFW baseball, Allstar baseball, football, EBC meetings and of course the fund raising events - the potato washing parties were always a fun night. We will also remember spending time with John and his side kick Bear.

What we think is most important to note is that John didn't just impact the youth of Elizabethtown, he impacted the parents, businesses and community leaders; all in an effort to provide the best opportunities for Elizabethtown children.

We were blessed to have known John and he will be missed.

Mike, RaeAnn and Justin Umberger

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**Mike Umberger** - October 10, 2024 at 01:01 PM

JA

“ Lots of softball in the town park. Know both of his sons! His coaching of Boys Club Football. Rest in Peace John.  
Jim Appleby

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**Jim Appleby** - October 08, 2024 at 11:02 PM

JS

“ our deepest sympathy to peg and family .barry and janice styer

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**janice Styer** - October 06, 2024 at 05:03 PM

JZ

“ Mr. Fosnot was one of my very favorite patients, he always called me Wild Woman and he was my husband’s baseball and football coach. My husband has very fond memories of him. He will be missed by many. I am very sorry for your loss, Peggy. Your husband loved you very much ❤️ love Jill Zook

Jill Zook - October 04, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CC

“ It was a pleasure to see such a loving couple. This man loved his wife more than life itself. Peggy may God hold you in his arms knowing you did a wonderful job as loving spouse. Catherine Chilcoat RN

catherine Chilcoat - October 01, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ Let me be the first to post about the best dad, spouse, coach, friend, mentor and human being anyone cud ever know! I have so many memories and stories I cud share but the one (of thousands) that come to mind is when I was 11 and they just announced the little league all star team and I sat there and cried because I didn’t make it. He put his arm around me and said, “son, next year will be better because I’m going to coach VFW next year and you will make that team!” I did make that team in my last year and unlike most parents he stuck around and coached and impacted countless kids lives for 20 or so years after that! That was just baseball as he was coaching football and involved in everything I can think of! So dad, rest in peace and I can assure you that you will never be forgotten by thousands of people! We all love you!!!

James Fosnot - September 30, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DP

Jimmy, I was one of those kids who had the privilege of playing for your dad, long after your playing days were over. I have so many fun memories playing for him on VFW and midget football, but maybe more than that, I enjoyed staying connected with him long after those early days. He had a way of making me feel like a million bucks and I always knew he was rooting for me, whatever stage of life/athletics I was at. I will be keeping your mom and all of you in my prayers. Coach will be missed but never forgotten!

Derek Price - October 01, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DS

*Peggy- wanted to express my dearest sympathies on losing John. In my years as EBC Secretary and working in the stand when Seth was playing football, I have so many memories of you and John- those trips you had to make to Sam's to get stuff for the food stand, sitting at EBC board meetings when John brought out his big book of finances (only he could read it), and having to hand out pixie sticks to not just my daughter Paige but all kids. You and John were a big part of our lives. Know you are loved and are missed. Let me know if you need anything. Sending love- Deb Shoemaker*

**Deb Shoemaker** - October 08, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SW

*Jimmy, my condolences to you & your family. So many memories of your dad whether it was baseball or football, I hope you can find peace & comfort in knowing how many of us Etown boys your dad had played a role in our lives growing up and playing sports for him or against him.*

**Shawn R Witmer** - October 08, 2024 at 08:58 PM

BB

*Peggy, John and Jim; we were sorry to hear about John. Please accept our deepest condolences. The memories: Boys Club Golf (with John's ringers), Myrtle Beach golf trips and of course Peggy's Surprise Party to mention only a few. We are in N.C. with our daughter until mid-Dec. If we can do anything, please call us at 717 314 3223.  
RIP John*

**BILL BURKART** - October 09, 2024 at 06:23 PM

AS

*I just am seeing this now and I am sorry to hear the passing of Coach Fosnot. I have so many memories playing on the VFW Braves. Coach had a way of getting great teams and motivating us in his own style. So many guys played for him in football and baseball. His impact will felt for generations. My condolences to you and your family.*

**Adam Strouse** - October 30, 2024 at 08:44 AM