



John E. Hiestand

December 19, 1937 - May 30, 2023

John E. Hiestand, 85, of Mount Joy, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late John S. and Esther (Erb) Hiestand. John was the husband of Dianne (Gates) Hiestand with whom he celebrated 46 years of marriage. He was previously married to the late Christine (Hostetter) Hiestand.

John was a graduate of Donegal High School class of 1955 where he played on the basketball team that made it to the quarter finals of the state championship. He worked at Farmers First Bank as Vice President and then was co-owner of Hiestand Memorials in Marietta with his brother Robert. He was an independent auditor for Donegal Mutual Insurance Company and also served on the board of directors there.

John was an active member of Community Bible Church in Marietta where he served on church council, taught Sunday School, directed camp and Vacation Bible School, was on the building committee and sang in numerous groups.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Dianne, are six children, John A. Hiestand, husband of Lisa of Mount Joy, Delbert Hiestand, husband of Donna of Maytown, Deb Nickchen, wife of Chris of Mount Joy, Kevin Hiestand of Elizabethtown, Jodi Wissler, wife of Devin of Mount Joy, and Kyle Hiestand, husband of Ashley of Cary, NC; Nineteen grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Burkholder, wife of Roy of Lititz, Marian Carpenter, wife of Larry of Dover, PA, and Nadyne Batts of DE; and a brother, Robert Hiestand, husband of Barbara of Lancaster.

He was preceded in death by his good friend who he considered a brother, Charlie Tirrito.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be held at Community Bible Church, 331 Anderson Ferry Rd, Marietta, PA 17547 on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 2 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church following the service. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Bible Church's Memorial Scholarship Fund (address above) or to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Community Bible Church
331 Anderson Ferry Road
Marietta, PA 17547

Visitation

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Marietta, PA 17547

Tribute Wall

DR

“ As a classmate of John's through our last three years of high school I considered him a friend and a good example of how a life should be lived. He served our senior class well as class president and, of course, was a major part of our great basketball team. During the time that our family lived in Maytown I got to know his family very well. I am sure that he will be missed by many and that his memories will be everlasting. May he rest in peace. My condolences to the Hiestand family.

Don Raber, DHS class of 1955

Don Raber - June 04, 2023 at 08:06 PM

ST

“ Sue Thomas lit a candle in memory of John E. Hiestand



sue Thomas - June 04, 2023 at 01:13 PM

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May your memories give you peace and comfort. Blessings 🙏

sue Thomas - June 04, 2023 at 01:17 PM

WK

“ Very sorry to hear of this sad news. John had a great sense of humor and was a good friend. Generous was his nature and he will be missed.

Webb Keller, Colville Wa

Webb Keller - June 02, 2023 at 02:47 PM

TF

“ I am sorry for the loss of John. He was such a gentleman and so kind and thoughtful while doing our small company’s workers comp audit. He and his lovely wife would come to our house and we would sit at the kitchen counter while he filled out his paperwork. We would talk business but it always turned to a conversation about what was going on in our lives. I think of his strength and positivity when I think of him. Blessings to his family as he will be missed.
The Tobias Family, Manheim

The Tobias Family - June 01, 2023 at 05:58 AM

JN

“ I know now as a dad of my two wonderful adult children what Mr. Hiestand was trying to do when I encountered him around 1979. He was protecting his dear daughter, Deb, whom I got to know through her friend and my neighbor, Sherri Martin. Mr. Hiestand was indeed a great human being and I am grateful to have had the honor to have gotten to know him. It was Deb and Sherri who had given me a bible, for which the two of them signed and for which I still have to this day. My condolences to the Hiestand family. Joe Nolt

Joseph Paul Nolt - May 31, 2023 at 07:53 PM

PH

“ My sincerest condolences to John's family. He was a fine gentleman and will be missed. I so appreciated all the help he gave me when doing our Workers Comp audit at Compass Mark. I am glad for the opportunity to have worked with him!

Phyllis - May 31, 2023 at 02:59 PM