



John Joseph Schariter

September 20, 1920 - October 26, 2009

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Loving Husband and Father, age 89, passed peacefully to heaven surrounded by his family, on Monday, October 26, 2009.

John was born in New York City on September 20, 1920 to immigrant parents, John Joseph and Mary Kucera Schariter. He spent a wonderful childhood there with his sisters Helen and Pauline. John graduated from Morris High School in 1937, and then worked at Columbia University Bookstore before joining the Army Special Engineering Detachment (SED). He then worked at SAM Laboratories in 1942 and transferred to Oak Ridge in May of 1945 to work on the Manhattan Project at K-25 where he continued to work after the War until his retirement in 1985.

While working at K-25 he met and married Dorothy Allen in 1947 and moved to Kingston where they reared their three children and lived for the next 55 years.

John enjoyed sports and excelled in roller hockey and softball at Union Carbide. He was on a bowling league at Midtown. He was also involved with his children in Boy and Girl Scouts, coaching little league, volunteering at the concession stand, and teaching neighborhood children to swim.

John was a long-time member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harriman, TN, where he served on the altar and the vestry.

After his retirement, John enjoyed building beautiful furniture for his family and special friends.

John leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Dorothy Allen Schariter, three children, son Joseph and Mary Schariter of Townsend, TN, daughter, Christy and Eddie Bivens of Niota, TN and daughter Heidi and David Miller of Oak Ridge, TN. Four grandchildren, Joseph Caldwell of Kingston, TN, J. J. Schariter of Philadelphia, PA, Jennifer Schariter, of Townsend, TN, and Kellye Bivens of Niota, TN. John is also survived by his sister, Pauline Schariter of Ormond Beach, FL.

John loved God, loved his family, and loved his country.

The Schariter family thanks Dr. Rodney McMillan for all the special care he showed their Dad over the last twenty-plus years.

A private family memorial was held Thursday, October 29th at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston followed by a graveside service with Honor Guard at Kingston Memorial Gardens and officiated by Father Joseph Pinner of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harriman.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Veteran's Organization of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with John for many years at the K-25 Plant in Oak Ridge. He was one of the most dependable men in the section. In the very early years of Oak Ridge and the Manhattan Project he was a member of the Special Engineer Detachment of which I also was a member. What a great guy. My condolences to his wife and family.

Gordon Lindner - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ To all the Scariters, I am sorry for your loss. I always remember Mr. Schariter's smile. You all are special to me even though we haven't been around each other much in the last few years. We all are still St. Andrew's "family".

kim Henley Kennedy - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure to have worked with John at the K-25 plant in Oak Ridge for several years, and I shall always remember his friendly nature and winning smile. His family and community were dear to him. In a small way, I share the feeling of loss, and send sympathy to the family.

Seth Wheatley - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dot, Christy, Heidi and family ---- My memories of playing basketball and seeing him on the side lines watching, he will also be above watching over you all. God Bless to you all.

Kitty Woods Copeland - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM