John Grimes DeJong

January 25, 1937 - June 25, 2018

John Grimes De Jong, a longtime resident of Heron Point, died on June 25, 2018. He was born on January 25, 1937, in Hammond, IN, and was the only child of the late John L. De Jong of Keokuk, IA, and the late Esther Grimes De Jong of Philadelphia.

He graduated from Westfield (New Jersey) High School in 1954. Shortly after that he contracted polio and spent the next two years recovering from the virus which left a significant physical impact.

In 1959, he graduated from Haverford College. His his career in New York was spent in various aspects of the management of fixed income securities. During that time, he took night classes and earned a MBA and a PHD in economics from the NYU Business School. In addition, he served on the board of governors of both the Money Marketeers of NYU and the Municipal Forum on New York, was a member of the New York Municipal Analysts Society, and contributed to the Dow Jones-Irwin Handbook of Municipal Bonds.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, raised their family in Summit, NJ, and enjoyed many happy summers at Gold Key Lake in PA. John enjoyed his books and music. For 35 years he was active in the Scottish sport of curling. He curled at Plainfield Curling Club where he served as the President. In addition, he was

a member at the Nutmeg Curling Club and the Chesapeake Curling Club. He was active in the Washington College Academy of Lifelong Learning and served on that organization's board. He taught several courses for WC-ALL. The most well-received of these concerned the mythology of the Greeks and Romans and the history of the Roman Empire. In 2007 he and his wife moved to Heron Point in Chestertown, MD, where they remained active in the community.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth and their three children, John W. (Karen) of West Orange, NJ, Sarah E. (David) of Marshall, VA, and Peter J. (James) of Naples, FL. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Emily, both of West Orange.

A memorial service will be held in Wesley Hall at Heron Point at 11:00AM on Saturday, June 30, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Heron Point's Benevolence Fund, 501 E. Campus Ave Chestertown, MD 21620 or to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 875, in Chestertown.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Hall at Heron Point
501 E. Campus Ave
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall

John Grimes DeJong

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

John Grimes DeJong

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

John Grimes DeJong

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

RL

Simone and I are saddened to hear of John's passing. He was the rock, backbone, and heart of our Haverford class of 1959.

Richard Lederer

Richard Lederer - July 02, 2018 at 01:35 PM

ED

Thinking of you all at this difficult time. I know it will be hard but go forward with happy memories and with family and friends. Peace will be you.

Elizabeth Daspit - June 27, 2018 at 07:17 PM

KA

Kathi lit a candle in memory of John Grimes DeJong

Kathi - June 27, 2018 at 11:24 AM

KA

I will truly miss you my friend, Heron Point's rehab team will forever hold you in our hearts.

Kathi - June 26, 2018 at 11:26 AM

EM

My condolences to his wife and children.
Edward Maxcy

Edward Maxcy - June 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM