



John M. Poulson

July 5, 1936 - April 19, 2019

John M. Poulson, 82, of St. Albans went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 19, 2019 at CAMC General Division, Charleston.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa to the late David Lewis and Ferne Mildred Masters Poulson. David owned a furniture business, from which John possessed many treasured pieces.

He graduated from Iowa State College in 1959, not surprisingly, on the Dean's list, and a member of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity. He later received his master's degree from Marshall University and also served in the U.S. Army as a 2nd LT, Signal Corps.

John was retired from Union Carbide Corp. Tech Center with 40 years of service. His career had him traveling to many regions' worldwide. The extensive swizzle stick and matchbook collection tracks his path. He was a former Deacon, Elder and Treasurer for Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans where he was a member for over 50 years. In addition, John served on the Board of Directors for the 29th Avenue North Home Owners Association, Cherry Grove, SC., a community he also loved, where he kept a second home.

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Surviving are his daughters, Amy Aston and Andrea Elkins both of St. Albans; grandchildren, Mark, Johnathan and Aaron; one great granddaughter. In addition, John had a wealth of friends in the community, his church and the neighborhood that were also family, especially the entire Perry family. We must not forget the grand-dog, Matilde, who he loved to see each day and spoil rotten with treats and butt rubs.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Highlawn Presbyterian Church, 2501 Washington Ave., St. Albans with the Rev. Nancy Didway officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans.

In lieu of flowers John requested donations to Christ Kitchen, 405 "B" Street, St. Albans, WV 25177.

You may visit John's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, (formerly Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home), family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Poulson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

APR **24.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Highlawn Presbyterian Church
2501 Washington Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall



“ I had the good fortune to spend time with John travelling to various UCC locations working with property insurance engineers. John's knowledge helped us to arrange for the necessary coverages. I learned a lot.
Charlie Dougherty

Charles Dougherty - January 04, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John M. Poulson.*



April 23, 2019 at 06:37 PM

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“ I worked with John at Union Carbide during the 1990's. He was the company expert on "quantitative risk management", which was to estimate the risk of catastrophic accidents, such as explosions, fires and toxic gas releases, at our plants around the world. He would then work with other engineers and scientists to reduce or eliminate those risks.

Simply put, his job at Carbide was to save lives. I am convinced that there are people alive today, probably many people, who would not be were it not for John's work preventing the disasters that otherwise would have killed them.

John was also a highly ethical person, a quality as important as technical expertise in the position that he held. Even in the most difficult situations, I had the utmost confidence in him.

Despite all this, John was humble with a dry sense of humor that his colleagues loved. He was the kind of solid citizen that doesn't come along very often in one's life.

Dennis Macauley - April 22, 2019 at 07:32 AM

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“ john and i, scott scobell, attended smith elementary school and then later 1969 reunited in the kanawha valley and both eventually lived in st. albans. we in later life exchanged christmas cards after we moved to the villages fl.

scott scobell - April 21, 2019 at 04:57 PM