



John "Jay" Ehrenzeller

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John L. (Jay) Ehrenzeller, a resident of Fort Myers since 1960, died November 18, 2013 at Hope Hospice House at HealthPark. Born in Colwyn, PA in 1930, John was the son of Elsie Carrie Sobbe and John Raymond Ehrenzeller. John earned his BA degree in Christian Education from the King's College in Delaware in 1954. He was a member of the college choir that appeared weekly on the Rev. Percy Crawford's TV program, "Youth on the March." This was the first live coast-to-coast gospel TV broadcast in the nation, broadcast over ABC from Philadelphia, PA. John began his 40 year career as a social worker in Wilmington, DE. He earned his MSW degree from Florida State University in 1958 and began working for the State of Florida in St. Petersburg, FL. He came to Fort Myers to work in the Social Service Department at Sunland Training Center, Buckingham. John worked in numerous departments of the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services before retiring in 1993. He was a dedicated member of McGregor Baptist Church for 53 years where he served in the music ministry, on the Board of Deacons and the committee responsible for planning and building the church when it relocated to Colonial Boulevard. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lois Unruh Ehrenzeller, their children, Nancy (Brudell) Wooden of Vero Beach; David (Catherine) of Sanibel; Susan Nikolas of Tampa; four grandchildren, Andrew (Mary Kat), Amanda (Patrick), Adam and Benjamin; and sister, Muriel Higgins of San Antonio, Texas. John is preceded in death by his sisters, Audrey Updyke and Carolyn Hassis and his brother Robert. A Celebration of John's Life will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home at 1:00 PM. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Hope Hospice Parkinson Program, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908 or McGregor Baptist Church, 3750 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida



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33966. Memories and condolences may be left online at
www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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LE

Lois Ehrenzeller posted:

Dawn – You and your family have been wonderful neighbors for many years. Josh and you came to help John many times and that means a lot to our family. Thanks for your care and love. Lois

November 25 at 5:22 AM

PA

Pat Archambault posted:

I have always admired John's courage and determination. His wonderful smile will never be forgotten nor will his beautiful voice. I still remember the first time I heard him sing – it was a wow moment!! I'll also remember his joy while playing hand bells – such fun! A wonderful man who had a wonderful partner in Lois – what a team!!! My thoughts and prayers to Lois and their entire family.

November 23 at 5:26 AM

JE

Jeri Ellett posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I am sorry for your loss and pray for comfort through this final goodbye in body, he is always with you in spirit. Jeri Ellett

November 23 at 5:25 AM

MH

Muriel Higgins posted:

Dear Lois and Children, Love and Prayers to you and all at this time. Love, Muriel

November 22 at 8:12 AM

KA

Katherine posted:

Thank you, Suzy

November 21 at 12:20 PM

DK

Dawn Kelley posted:

Lit a candle in memory of John "Jay" Ehrenzeller

November 20 at 3:36 PM



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Suzy Van Netta Allen posted:

May you rest in peace, Mr. Ehrenzeller. You lived a wonderful and fulfilling life. Your work was to help others, and, to me, there is no greater sacrifice. Dave, 'C'atherine with a C & family, my heart and prayers are with you in spirit since I cannot be there in person. Love to you all. -Suzy Van Netta Allen

November 20 at 11:43 AM



Katherine posted:

Dad, we miss you, but are strengthened with the thoughts that you are now at peace. You are in a new body, free from pain and suffering. We are all doing okay here and I even had my own little milkshake party for you. This is the one party you can have without me, for right now, and when I get there we will celebrate together and go dancing! Love, Catherine (yes, Catherine with a "C").

November 20 at 5:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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