



John Johns

April 20, 2011

John "Jack" A. Johns (1937-2011)

CEDAR FALLS- John "Jack" A. Johns, 73, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

He was born December 26, 1937 in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, son of Challis and Kathryn (Jones) Johns. He married Priscilla Webster on November 22, 1958 in Buffalo, New York.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955 to 1958. He came to Cedar Falls as President of Viking Pump from 1986 to 1989. He served as Group Executive and later became Chief Operating Officer of the IDEX Corp in Chicago, retiring from the corporation in 1994. He was active in the Foundation Fighting Blindness in Maryland and founded an FFB support group in the Cedar Valley. He was the original chairman of the advisory board for the Center of Macular Degeneration at the University of Iowa, which is now developed into the University of Iowa Institute for Vision Research.

Survived by: his wife, Priscilla; a son, Richard (Marina) of Orlando, FL; two daughters, Kimberlee Johns of Atlanta, GA and Tracy Johns of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren, Alberto, Pricilla and Richard "R.J" Johns; and a sister, Patricia Pochopin of Naples, FL.

Preceded in death by his parents.

Family will receive friends from 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the Foundation Fighting Blindness or the University of Iowa Institute for Vision Research.

Tribute Wall



“ Jack John's family,
I worked at Viking when Jack was president and continued after IDEX was formed. Jack assigned me to a special project while at Viking and made a special trip to the shop to share my success with my proud father when the job was complete. When I was released from IDEX some years later, Jack wrote a special letter on my behalf. I still have the letter and I use it as a template as I support those with career changes. Jack was a special leader and so many admired him as a person and a businessman. Prayers are with you as your loss is shared.

July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences from the Smith and Nelson families. Jim still works at Martin Sprocket and the news of the passing of Mr. Johns was shared at a meeting this morning. I will always have the fondest memories of the time our families spent together in Ft. Worth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all.

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Johns,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, Jack. I will always be grateful to you both for allowing me to stay at your home during my move to Fort Worth, TX. It was a very difficult transition for me and your family went above and beyond to make me feel comfortable. Please know i am thinking and praying for your family during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Lisa Young Mallick*

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Priscilla and family,

Doris and I send our condolences. Jack was a wonderful man and a great friend to us. We have many great memories of our times together. We remember our visit when you lived in Hudson and all the family holidays that we had.

Bill and Doris

April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Priscilla and family,

We send our sincere condolences to you at this time of Jack's passing. He was a great individual who helped a great many people, including us. His work with the FFB on the national level and here in Iowa will never be forgotten.

Steve and Ruth

April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Tracy,

We are so sorry to hear about your father. Our thoughts and prayers with with you and your family at this time.

Jody, Aaron & Casey Connor

April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM