



John I. Howard Jr

September 29, 1921 - September 6, 2019

John I. Howard, Jr.
Of Charlotte, NC

Mr. Howard, 97, passed away on September 6, 2019 at Elmcroft Senior Living in Charlotte.

He was born on September 29, 1921 in Shattuck, OK the only child of the late John I Howard, Sr. and Orpha Howard. He also was preceded in death by his beloved wife Miquette Cadol in 1998.

John received a B.A. degree in History from San Francisco State University, 1949

Mr. Howard enlisted in the US Naval Reserve May 30, 1942, honorably discharged December 9, 1945. Served in Hawaii, San Diego, and the Marshall Islands as a dental technician. Also played in the U.S. Naval Hospital Dance Band in San Diego 1942-43.

He grew up in Pampa, Texas. After WWII lived in California in the San Francisco Bay area until moving to Charlotte in December 2014.

After a brief time at the Federal Reserve in San Francisco, John started a 30-year career with the City of San Mateo, retiring in 1987 as Purchasing Manager. He also served as a professional soloist for 15 years at various churches for services and weddings.

John had a great passion for music. He played clarinet and saxophone in dance bands from high school through his military service. He took voice lessons from a vocal coach in San Francisco, where he met his first wife, Lois. He performed in light opera groups, and he and Lois performed together professionally. They both performed in the Sacred Concert Society for a number of years. John was most proud of his years with the highly regarded Masterworks Chorale, affiliated with the College of San Mateo. He joined the group in 1979 and participated in many concerts, including tours to Italy and Greece, and

to Spain. In 1989, he sang with Masterworks in its solo concert at Carnegie Hall.

In other retirement activities, John volunteered at the local Senior Center helping fellow seniors learn how to use computers. He enjoyed pursuing genealogical research, served on his community's landscape and emergency response committees, and enjoyed local theater outings with his neighbor and her friends. He was a voracious reader, reading hundreds of books over the years, as well as Time Magazine cover to cover, and the daily San Francisco Chronicle. He loved movies and went often to see the latest releases.

John was open-minded, gentle, caring and generous. He had a dry sense of humor and he loved to make people laugh. He really enjoyed things and was positive. He was not someone who lived in the past or was nostalgic at all, but was very interested in current events. His musical tastes ranged from Benny Goodman to Eric Clapton to Norah Jones. He loved Jon Stewart's The Daily Show. He was an excellent driver and drove until he was 93 with no accidents on his record. He loved his daughters and their families, and also embraced Miquette's family, who embraced him as well and loved him for bringing happiness to their mother.

John was a Lutheran most of his adult life. He was a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo for many years, and most recently a member at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Matthews, NC.

He is survived by his daughters Teri Howard Strom (Roger) and Lori Howard; four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; step-sons Armand Cadol (Marion) and Roger Cadol and their families.

A celebration of John's life will be held Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 2 pm at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Matthews, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cross and Crown Pastor's Discretionary Fund, or the Cross and Crown Music Program.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Cross and Crown Lutheran Church

300 Pineville-Matthews Road, Matthews, NC, US

Comments



“ My family and I had the pleasure of living next door to John for many years. We enjoyed having dinner with John at our house as well as the Fish Market. We will always hold dear the memories of the times that we shared with him. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Amy Esposto - October 07, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ Thank you, Amy!

Teri Strom - October 13, 2019 at 07:29 PM