



John George Hart

November 12, 1913 - July 30, 2007

Brighton. November 12, 1913 to July 30, 2007. Former Vice President of Sibleys Department Stores and Retired Lieutenant Colonel. John George Hart, born in Hagerstown, Maryland, graduated with first honors with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland where he was active in ROTC. Mr. Hart was called to serve his country in World War II and served in the Korean Conflict, retiring from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. John came to Rochester after being recruited as an executive trainee by Eastman Kodak Co. Sibleys Department Stores later recruited him to be Credit Manager. After being promoted to Vice President of Operations, Mr. Hart coordinated Sibley Tower renovations, and building the distribution center, six branch stores, and the Syracuse main department store now Macys stores. He was President of the Rochester Chapter of the National Credit Managers Association and a member of the National Retailers Association. John was President of Rochester Rotary and an enthusiastic volunteer. John Hart embodies the Rotary International motto of Service Above Self. He was also active on the Boards of the Rochester Metro YMCA and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He was an active sailor, hiker, camper, swimmer, and world traveler. Mr. Hart was Chairman of the mayors Civic Beautification Committee. He was President of Rochester Business Association for job development. John was a Trustee of Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church and later a member of Third Presbyterian Church.. Mr. Hart is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Elise (Lee) Jean Schweser Hart. He was predeceased by brothers Vincent, Robert, Richard, and sister Margaret and survived by brothers Phillip and Hugh, and sister Marcia. He has three children: Kathy, Patricia, and Greg. John has five grandsons: Patricias sons John, and Dominic; and Gregs and Pegs sons Gabriel, Benjamin, and Daniel; and one great granddaughter, Robyn, daughter of Gabriel and Lilith. John lived on Southern Parkway in Brighton and was President of the Home Acres Association, responsible for the beautiful streetlights and sidewalks. John and Lee recently moved to Valley Manor on East Avenue. Maintaining a consistently positive outlook, John always had a friendly smile and warm greeting for friends, family and associates. He will be missed. Calling hours will be at Valley Manor at 1570 East Avenue on Thursday, August 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friends are invited to bring a written memory or photo of

John to be included in the familys memory book. A memorial service will be held at Third Presbyterian Church, East Avenue on Friday, August 3rd at 10 a.m. followed by a reception at the church. Following the reception, interment, with military honors, will be held at Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rotary Charitable Trust, 100 Meridian Centre Drive, Rochester, NY 14618.

Comments



“ John and Lee were our neighbors on Southern Parkway. John was never without a friendly greeting and thinking about a way he could be helpful to someone else. His work for the tract association lives on in the neighborhood and his kindly spirit lives on for all who knew him.

Darrell & Mary Anna Geib - August 04, 2007 at 02:23 AM



“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MAY YOUR FATHER BE AT PEACE. CHERYL K.

C.KIMBROUGH - August 02, 2007 at 12:48 PM



“ Valley Manor was honored to have you as a resident John. The residents and staff will miss you. God Bless.

Dave Sliney - August 01, 2007 at 07:05 PM



“ I knew Mr. Hart to say hello to during the 1970's when he was VP (and a VIP) at Sibley's. He was always a gentleman, courteous and correct and a kind of role model. When I came to work at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in the 1990's I discovered his connection there; and knew that his time and talents had been invaluable at another venue. I now discover that we share the same birthday...and see in his later life an example for retirement years. Please accept my sympathies in your personal loss.

Virginia Kidwell - August 01, 2007 at 03:46 PM