



John Gordon Ewen

May 9, 2014

John Gordon Ewen, loving and devoted husband of Faye (Colligan) Ewen, died peacefully at home on May 9, 2014. He was born January 20, 1920 in Kent, England to the late Lionel B. and Robin I. Ewen and came to West Hartford in 1927. He was predeceased by two sisters, Diana Hall and Jean Winborne. He leaves behind two nieces, Anne McGough and Wendy Patzewitsch of College Station & Bryon, Texas respectively and many supportive, faithful and loving in-laws and friends. John served in World War II for more than four years as a member of The 5th Infantry Division. In June of 1944 he went into combat in Normandy, France and fought all the way across Europe with the Third Army under General George Patton. He was co-founder and President of Hartford Containers, Inc., a corrugated box manufacturing company. John loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, hunter, skier, trap shooter, and golfer. He was an accomplished pilot and flew his planes all over the country including up to Alaska. He was also a talented artist and did scrimshaw, water color paintings, weaved Nantucket baskets, and carved wooden waterfowl decoys. He won many awards for his decoys, among them the World Championship in 1976. He was a 32nd degree Mason & Shriner and Past Member of Wyllis Lodge #99, Past Sovereign Prince of Hartford Council, Prince of Jerusalem, and member of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He was also an active member of Mt. Laurel Ski Club and Andover Sportsmen's Club. He loved music and for many years served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Opera Association. John will be

remembered as a man of integrity, kindness, compassion, and generosity and one who loved to tell and receive a joke as long as it was a short one. A special thank you goes to all the members of the McLean Hospice Team in Simsbury, CT for their very professional, compassionate care and guidance given to John and to his wife as well. Friends and family may call on Thursday, May 15, from 3-5 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, followed by a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to McLean Hospice Team, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Dear Faye and family,
How John made me smile when he let go his most hearty laugh after sharing a favorite joke from his vast repertoire of jokes at Lip Sync. He will be missed.
Susan Grant

Susan Grant - May 15, 2014 at 12:35 PM

PT

“ Faye,
I think of John as the charming host of the Mt. Laurel Ski club's Lip Sync and the carver of birds and weaver of baskets, but I know he was so much more to both you and many others. I cherish our memories of him and i wish you peace in the days ahead.
With Sympathy,
Penny Trick and Pat Moore

Penny Trick - May 14, 2014 at 12:46 PM

PP

“ Dear Faye, We are deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a Prince among men, and he touched the lives of many. I always felt a strong sense of warmth around him, and admired not only his talents but his compassion and great sense of humor. Faith and I will miss him.

Our deepest sympathies,
Phil and Faith Palermo

Phil Palermo - May 14, 2014 at 09:08 AM

DP

“ Dear Faye,
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. John was a very kind and caring man. I will always remember him for his kindness to my parents with their mutual love of the opera. Our prayers to you all.
Diane, John and Ashleigh Purcell

Diane Purcell - May 13, 2014 at 11:52 AM



“ Dear Faye and Family
I cannot tell you how sorry I am about John's passing . He was there for me when I needed a friend. He will always be remembered for his cute jokes and his unbelievable generosity.

Eric Ardolino - May 13, 2014 at 08:32 AM

KG

“ Dear Faye and Family,
Wishing you hope and strength, today, and always. Karen Grossman

Karen Grossman - May 12, 2014 at 01:32 PM

JA

Dear Faye - How fortunate we all are to have known your beloved John. I read his obituary with amazement of all his multiple accomplishments and talents. A gentleman, a life well lead, a man who touched so many lives will be truly missed. I pray that your loss will be tempered by the many wonderful memories you shared. With my deepest sympathies - Joan Albert (Mt. Laurel Skiers)

Joan Albert - May 13, 2014 at 08:07 AM

PO

*Dear Faye,
John was an amazing, very special man! He touched many lives! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sending hugs,
Poppy and Todd*

Poppy - May 14, 2014 at 05:47 AM



I remember a MTL race clinic we took with John at Waterville Valley, NH. He made us a gourmet meal of venison steaks he had brought from one of his hunting adventures. Served with humorous stories and fine wine.

Eila McCloskey

Eila McCloskey - May 14, 2014 at 06:20 AM

SP

*Faye,
Our deepest sympathies go to you and your family. I have fond memories of John busting my chops almost 30 years ago when I was running for Council Queen. He was there for me when I thought I was going to die of embarrassment and humiliation for letting down MTL. He told me that they already heard I had lost but the club loved me anyhow...I didn't notice the twinkle in his eye (and huge smile) until afterward the announcement that I won. What a gentleman, a talent and a love for life that he passed on to everyone he touched!. He was also very lucky to have such a wonderful partner in you.*

Sue Shoemaker Poirier

Sue Shoemaker Poirier - May 14, 2014 at 09:45 PM

JD

*Faye,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. John was a wonderful, caring, and sweet man. He will be missed.*

Jeanne Donahue

Jeanne Donahue - May 14, 2014 at 10:08 PM