



John T. Elshire

October 1, 1944 - May 11, 2010

John T. Elshire, 65, of Wapakoneta, died 9:00 a.m., Tues. May 11, 2010, at the Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH. He was born Oct. 1, 1944, in La Porte, IN, the son of Howard "Mac" & Betty (Tonn) Elshire, who preceded him in death. On June 20, 1970, he married Priscilla F. Shaw, and she survives. Other survivors include, 3 children, Amy (J.D.) Glisson, Ballwin, MO, Erin (Derron) Hollenbacher, Lewis Center, OH, J. Andrew (Seema) Elshire, Dublin, OH, 7 grandchildren, Jackson, Annie, Molly, & Grant Glisson, Dylan & Zachary Hollenbacher, Cooper Elshire, 2 brothers, James (Diane) Elshire, Wapakoneta, Joel Elshire, St. Marys, OH, a sister, Heather (Tom) Curtis, Raleigh, N.C. John was a graduate of Wapakoneta High School and attended The Ohio State University. He also served his country in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. John was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather whose passions in life included his work as a businessman, the game of golf, and his singing groups. John joined Don Friend as a partner in Friend's Office Supplies in 1970 and eventually became sole owner of the business. In later years he worked for ProGrade, Inc. in sales and Binkley Real Estate as an agent. John was a life-long golfer as a member of the Wapakoneta Country Club and served on its board of directors, including a term as president. He was a member of the Wapakoneta First United Methodist Church and its Chancel Choir and also served on its Administrative Board and other committees. John was an active member of the Wapakoneta Rotary Club and was proud of his part in that organization's

blood testing program. He played an active role in his children's activities as they grew up by coaching various teams, serving as starter for the Wapakoneta Waves swim team for many years, and having the distinction of being the first announcer for the girls' basketball program at Wapakoneta High School. He also officiated football at the midget, junior high, and varsity levels for many years. One of the greatest loves in the last few years of his life was being a member of the Grand Lake Sound Waves Chorus, continuing the tradition that he began as a member of the Men's Glee Club at The Ohio State University. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Sat. May 15, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor R.J. Davis officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 3-7 p.m., Fri. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Sat. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the First United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ To Priscilla and family. My condolences for the loss of your husband and father. He was a good man and though I hadn't seen him in many years he was always friendly with a smile. He called on Midwest Electric when I was working there. May God bless you in your time of mourning and you have our sympathy. Mike and Sue Core

Mike Core - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MD

“ I was so sorry to hear of John's illness and his passing. I have been thinking of all of you and how we used to spend so many days in the Elshire pool - you are all a fond memory of great days. Please know that you will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Molly (Horman) Davis - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

LA

“ Priscilla and family, John called on Vanamatic for years and was well known by all of us. We are so sorry for your loss he was a really good guy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Lu Ann/Vanamatic Company

Lu Ann Armstrong - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CB

“ Priscilla, Jim and all of the Elshire family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I pray that God will comfort you and you will again see rays of sunshine in your lives. No one can take away the wonderful memories of John that you have to share with one another. Cheryl

Cheryl Bailey - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ Dear Elshire Family, You have our deepest sympathy. The world lost a wonderful man. We will keep you in our thought and prayers.

Marty & Melissa Manger - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

NV

“ Dear Elshire Family~ Sorry to hear the loss of a great husband and father. Your family has my sympathy.

Nikki (Cooper) VanHorn - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

RK

“ Bob is out of town so am sending our regards. Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family during this time & always.

Robert & Kathy Knoch - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ Dear Priscilla ad family, We were so sorry to hear of John's passing.He was an amazing and kind man. He touched many lifes and we are all better for knowing him. May God's grace give you strength through this difficult time. With sympathy, Mike and Nancu Mazur

Mike md Nancy Mazur - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

AD

“ Dear Elshire Family, I was so very sorry to read of your loss. I have very fond memories of your entire family and of the easy smile you all always had....no doubt you still do. Your family's support helped me tremendously when I changed jobs and came to Wapak....where of course I came to know you all pretty well. I'll always remember John taking of photos of Amy as "Oliver". Again, I am so sorry for your loss, but I can say that you all made a difference in my life. John is a fine man....I use present tense because he is with you all, and in your hearts now just as much as always. That will never change. Sincerely, Marilyn Roth Basinger

Amy and Erin's Choir Director - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TA

“ Andy and the rest of the family, You have been in our constant thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time. May God give you peace.

Tracy & David Agbunag - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TC

“ Priscilla: I am so sorry to hear of Johns passing. Sorry I cannot make the funeral home but your family will be in my prayers. I have some really fond memories of golf with John especially our Ohio Scramble trips. I know he had some tough times recently but we all know what a GREAT guy John was. My condolences. Tim Connell

Tim Connell - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CW

“ Dear Priscilla, My heart and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of John. I am sorry for your loss and hope your fond memories of family life, golfing, and whatever brings joy help you and your family find peace. Sincerely, Carol

Carol Wetmiller - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JF

“ Mrs. Elshire, Amy, Erin, Drew and families,

All of you and your families are in my family's thoughts and prayers.

Joe & PJ Harbert and family - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TM

“ You are all in our prayers at this time.

The McClains - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CK

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you.

Clark and Gina Koertner - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JK

“ So very sorry for your loss. May your wonderful memories be a comfort today and in the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jerry & Pam Knoch - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

NF

“ Priscilla, John was such a kind and loving man. He will be missed.

Nancy Fischer - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM