



John R. Cary, Sr.

October 3, 1913 - November 5, 2008

John R. Cary, Sr., 95, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at his son's home.

John was born in Russell, KY, and raised in West Virginia as a son of a railroad engineer. He graduated with an engineering degree from Purdue University where he met his wife, Mary. After several moves, they settled in Dayton, TN, where they raised their family and operated a business partnership for 32 years. During this time, John was very involved in the local Methodist church and in many activities in support of the community. Upon retirement, Mary and John moved to Fairfield Glade, TN, where they made many new friends that they so enjoyed in a wide variety of activities. While at Fairfield Glade, he was active in the Fairfield Glade Community Church.

John had a zest for living. He loved gardening; enjoyed music though he insisted he could not carry a tune, welcomed opportunities to help anyone and developed into a pretty fair golfer after the age of 65.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of 73 years, his three children, Dr. Elizabeth Cary Harper, Jackson, MS, Colonel (Retired) John R. (Bob) Cary, Jr., Chattanooga, TN and Margie Lineberry, Atlanta, GA, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Rhea Memory Gardens at 3:00 pm Friday. The family will receive friends at Vanderwall Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Friday.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the many caregivers whom have provided loving care for these last years and the employees at the Lantern of Collegedale. A special thanks to the pastors and "Care Bears" of Tyner Methodist Church for the love and care they have consistently shown for John during his stay in Chattanooga.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's memory to the Care Bear ministry at Tyner Methodist Church or to Trinity Hospice.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 7. 3:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ I pray that you rest this week and find renewal with God. I am sorry for your loss and hope that each day gets easier for everyone.##imported-begin##Lindsey Gutierrez##imported-end##

November 08, 2008 at 02:43 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Even when expected, it is really hard to lose someone you love. We love you guys and wish we could have been there today.##imported-begin##Kelly and Susan Evans##imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 10:09 PM



“ May God comfort each member of the family as you rejoice in all that John is now experiencing in glory.##imported-begin##Carole Adams##imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 04:14 PM



“ Dear Bob and Edie,
Our prayers are with you as say goodbye to your beloved dad and father-in-law. He has lived a long life but I know that it must still be so difficult to see him go. Thank you for the clear picture of selfless love that you have shown over the past few years as you have cared so well for your mom and dad. Our hearts and prayers are with you both.
Love, Bill, Kim, Rebekah & Kyle##imported-begin##Bill and Kim Smith##imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Mary, Bob, Edie, Elizabeth, Margie and family,

We are so very sad for the passing of your beloved John. And yet we are happy for a long life and for 73 years of marriage. May the sweet memory of John and the comfort of our Lord Jesus be with you all. - Love, John, Eva, Heidi, Emily, Adam, Jonathan and David Herberich###imported-begin###Pastor John and Eva Herberich###imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 10:45 AM



“ You are in our prayers as you say good-bye to your father for now. As you look forward to the day you will see him again before the throne of God.
Bill and Tammy###imported-begin###Tammy Higgins###imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 10:38 AM



“ Bob and Edie,

We are sorry to hear about your father/father-in-law passing away. You are in our prayers during this difficult time and upcoming holiday season. Rest on "Be Still and know that I am God". We send our love and know that you are being prayed for.
In His Name,
Paul, Sherry, Joshua and Rachel Baierl###imported-begin###The Baierl Family###imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 10:24 AM



“ Bob,

*I want to express my sincerest condolences in your father's passing.
May the Spirit of the Lord bear you up in this time.*

Zack###imported-begin##Zack Carden III##imported-end##

November 05, 2008 at 01:46 PM