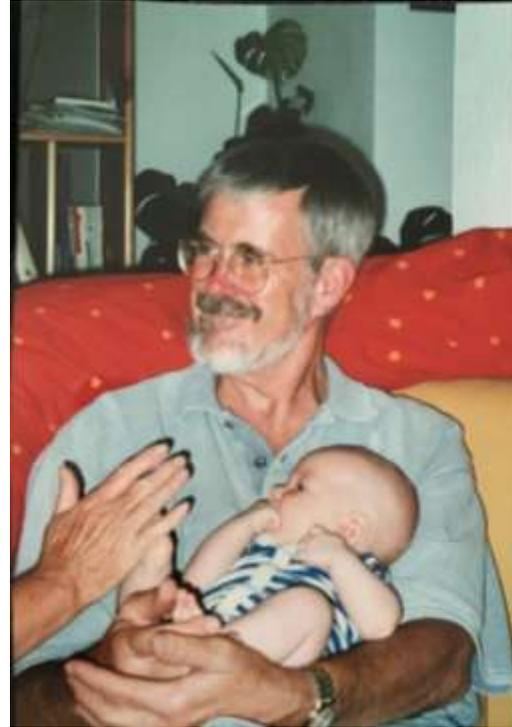


John Witherington Gerrish

October 3, 1939 – March 18, 2021



John w.G-dau Cosi in 2000

John passed away in Ludwigsburg, Germany, on March 18, 2021 after a long struggle with dementia. He was 81. John grew up in Auburn, Maine where he attended Edward Little High School. He graduated from Dartmouth with a major in Economics, did ROTC and was very active in the Glee Club. After graduation he did his Army service as an information officer in Vietnam and returned to complete his MBA at Tuck in 1964.

It was at Tuck he met his beloved Almut who was from Germany and in Hanover as an Au Pair for the then Dean of Tuck. Upon graduation John and Almut worked in the US for a while. Then in 1971 they moved to Germany in the Stuttgart area, where John first worked in P.R. for Porsche. Later he became a respected financial adviser and many of his clients were also ex-Army Americans living in Germany. He founded the American

Monthly Luncheon Group that was part of the German-American Club 1948, in Stuttgart.

John was an avid skier and tennis player. Music was one of John's great loves and he was an enthusiastic Jazz fan. Singing was his passion and John was instrumental in founding the EUCOM Harmonizers, a Barber Shop Quartet with John as the Tenor. This group later became the Stuttgart Harmonizers with John singing for over 40 years until 2016.

In late 2014 John lost Almut after her long battle with ALS. His heart was broken and he rapidly declined and entered into Long Term Care in 2016.

John is survived by his son John Christoph (1967), daughter Stephanie (1970) and her daughter Cosima (2000).

Stephanie says that family, singing, and Dartmouth were the most important things in his life. On April 8, 2021 at a simple ceremony, John's ashes were put to rest alongside Almut. It was a beautiful day and the Stuttgart Harmonizers sang three farewell songs for him.

Here are some FaceBook postings from friends in the Quartet

Stuttgart Harmonizers Barbershop Quartet

March 20: A very SAD DAY - OUR DEAR JOHN GERRISH HAS PASSED AWAY - We will miss you John.

Howard Johnston

Am so sorry to hear. I have so many wonderful memories of singing and conversing with John. We laughed quite a bit.

Loved how he did his part on the Happy Birthday song at the end, "to you" 🥹❤️.

Wonderful man and times.

Wish you all well and peace.

Robin Wukits

John was a close friend and colleague in the days of the Eucom Harmonisers. He was incredibly supportive and always went that extra mile to help out.