

John Edwin Manske

April 1, 1939 – January 28, 2021



John Edwin Manske, 81, of Wernersville, passed away Thursday, January 28, 2021. He was the husband of the late Barbara C. Manske, to whom he was married for almost 55 years. Born in Manitowoc, WI, he was the son of the late Edwin and Elizabeth (Helke) Manske, of Sun City, AZ.

John was a 1961 graduate of Dartmouth College, in Hanover, NH, where he received a BA in Economics.

After rising through the ranks of Continental Can, he moved with his family to Wyomissing, PA in 1973 to run Mid-Atlantic Cannery, in Hamburg, PA. During his tenure as Executive Vice President he oversaw the growth of the company to include plants in Ohio and Massachusetts.

In the mid-1990's, John and Barbara realized their dream when they bought and renovated a 200-year-old farmhouse in Wernersville. They both loved the farm, whether it was gardening, pheasant hunting, or sitting on their favorite porch watching the blue herons fish in the stream.

John is survived by his younger sister, Mary, wife of Paul Land, of Oregon; by a son, John E. "Hans" Manske, Jr., of Burlington, VT; a daughter Carla M., wife of Fred Geiersbach, Middletown, DE; and four grandchildren, Alexander, Guenevere, Avena, and Ryder.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the farm in the spring when the daffodils are in bloom and social distancing can be followed. If you would like to join the family for that celebration, please contact Lamm & Witman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of John to Camp Manito-Wish YMCA, P.O. Box 246, Boulder

Junction, WI 54512-0246, or at Manito wish.org/donate. Online condolences at www.lammandwitman.com

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