



Dr. John R Holcroft

March 7, 1937 - October 7, 2024

Dr. John R. Holcroft, a longtime resident of Mount Holly, passed away on Monday, October 7, 2024 at Harmony Village in Moorestown with his family by his side. He was 87.

Born in Somers Point, the son of the late Edmund and Helen Holcroft, John spent his early days in Ocean City but grew up in West Philadelphia. He was a graduate of Muhlenberg College, where he was an excellent student athlete, lettering in soccer, baseball, and basketball and earning numerous academic and athletic awards. Dr. Holcroft went on to earn his Masters from Rutgers University and his Doctorate in Education from Temple University. He spent over 42 years in Education and was the Superintendent of Eastampton Township Schools for 32 years. He impacted thousands of students with his leadership of cutting edge programs, patient demeanor, and his passion to prepare them for the future and achieve their best.

John was a longtime active member and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Holly. He was very committed to his faith and utilizing his teaching and relational skills to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For many years, John taught adult Bible studies at the church and Samuel Miller Assisted Living facility, and prayed, served, and taught at the church's food kitchen.

John was an enthusiastic reader, always looking to learn and better himself, and loved playing tennis and church softball. He was a fitness enthusiast for his entire life. John was instrumental in establishing the Eastampton Soccer Club, with Jerry Dunn, in the 70's, bringing organized soccer to the area. He frequently made the Eastampton athletic facilities available to the community, and to family and friends to enjoy social gatherings, friendly competitions and practices.

John loved his family dearly and was an incredible example as a husband and father. He loved family dinners, activities, coaching his children's sports and talking old sports stories. Beyond his immediate family, he was frequently asked to pray at family reunions and weddings, and often sought out for counsel.

John is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Suellen; their 4 children: daughter Susan of Mount Holly; 3 sons: Stephen (Lisa), Timothy (Emily), & Peter (Kristen). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: RT (Stephanie), John (Lauren), Ally, Connor, Ethan, Jacob (Danielle), Anna, Lily, Lucy, & Alice; and 5 great-grandchildren: Matthew, Aiden, Sydney, Marlo, & Callan.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 11:30am at the First Presbyterian Church, 125 Garden St., Mount Holly. Friends may visit with the family from 9:30-11:15am at the Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dr. Holcroft's memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church at the address above.

“Walk with the King”

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
125 Garden St.
Mt. Holly, NJ

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love from the McLaughlin family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John R Holcroft.

Love from the McLaughlin family - November 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM

LF

“ Love from the McLaughlin family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



Love from the McLaughlin family - November 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



October 31, 2024 at 08:18 AM

TW

“ The Boyers~Sean, Melissa, Payton, Will purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



The Boyers~Sean, Melissa, Payton, Will - October 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM

FF

“ From, The Miskovich Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John R Holcroft.

From, The Miskovich Family - October 30, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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“ From, The Miskovich Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



From, The Miskovich Family - October 30, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John R Holcroft.

October 28, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



October 28, 2024 at 05:19 PM

KK

“ Keitha Kirby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John R Holcroft.

Keitha Kirby - October 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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“ Keitha Kirby purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



Keitha Kirby - October 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ Lumberton family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dr. John R Holcroft.



Lumberton family - October 18, 2024 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ Sincere condolences to Steve and the entire Holcroft family on the loss of John. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam (may he rest in peace).

Joe Murphy (J&J)

Joe Murphy - October 16, 2024 at 01:25 PM

WG

“ My sincere condolences, both my children went through Easthampton during Dr Holcrofts tenure. I have only good things to say about him... An absolute gentleman.

Wase Garner - October 12, 2024 at 01:50 PM