



## John Pew Jr

October 17, 1921 - April 13, 2020

John Pew Jr. of Moorestown, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2020 at The Evergreens in Moorestown. He was 98.

John was born October 17, 1921 on Maple Hill Farm, Woodlane Rd., Westampton, NJ. He was a lifelong farmer. He bought his Moorestown Farm in January of 1943 right after he and Barbara were married and named their farm "Meadow Brook Farms". Over the years the farm in Moorestown, run by John and his two sons, had dairy and grew everything from turkeys, tomatoes for Campbell's Soup, vegetables, wheat and soybeans. After living on the Moorestown farm for 50 years, it was sold to developers, and he and his wife moved into the Evergreens Retirement Community in Moorestown. John also farmed with his son, Harold, on his other farm in Westampton until he retired at 97. His motto was, "You need something to get up for in the morning in order to keep living."

Over the years, John had belonged to and led many agricultural organizations. He had been a member, national champion, and State President of the Future Farmers of America. He had also been a 4-H mentor, a longtime member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau and the Burlington County Board of Agriculture. He also was a former Republican Committeeman and a longtime member and field trial judge of the English Setter Club in Medford. John enjoyed riding his horse and running his English Pointer bird

dogs. As for hobbies or other interests, the widower who lost his wife of 60 years, said, "I've got enough." Indeed, a proud man with land to farm, some good humor, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, seemed to be all he needed.

John is survived by his daughter Barbara Ann Pew Keefe, son John Scott Pew III and his wife Debbie, and son Harold M. Pew and his wife Donna; 6 grandchildren: Kristin Marie Montgomery, Colby Martin Pew, Jason Tyler Pew, Kelly Lynn Pew, Kimberly Marie Poli, and Brian Scott Pew; great-grandchildren: Connor Montgomery, Madison Montgomery, Tanner Pew, Whitney Pew, Annika Baumgardt, Avery Baumgardt, Olivia Drayton, Jax Drayton, Hunter Pew, Cooper Pew, and Laurel Pew. He is also survived by his wonderful friend, Susan Adams.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in Mr. Pew's memory may be made to the Future Farmers of America at Northern Burlington High School, 160 Mansfield Road East, Columbus, NJ 08022.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Pew Jr*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *John Pew Jr*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I had the great fortune of crossing paths with him when he caught me trespassing on his soybean farm in Burlington back in 1987. His first response was to accuse me of driving my truck through his beans, but I assured him that my intentions were to harm the deer population, not his beans. After that we became friends and occasional hunting partners. Enjoyed all the time spent with him and his family. He was a true original, I will miss sparring with him politically.*  
*Jim Tomasetti*

**Jim Tomasetti** - April 26, 2020 at 08:54 AM

GS

“ I’m not sure how long I’ve known the “Old Man”, but it’s been many decades. Ornerly to the core, I never tired of visiting him to discuss farming or to listen to him curse Democrats or the groundhogs that constantly tried to devour his soybean crop. I attended his farm machinery sale and found him sitting that morning in his familiar easy chair by the wood stove, that twinkle in his eye as bright as ever. Later that morning he moved to a chair outside to witness the action and to probably see what others thought his tractors and tools were worth. I told him that this was a day that I never thought I’d see. His response surprised me a bit. “It was time, old man. Like it says in the Bible, there’s a time for everything and it’s my time”. I looked for, but didn’t see, any tears. I suspect they came later in the day after the sale was over and he was alone, back in the easy chair by the wood stove, reflecting on a job well done and a life well lived. Those of us lucky enough to really know him understood that his sometime grumpy exterior was really just an act and could never really hide the kind and gentle soul that lived inside the “OLD MAN”.

---

**Greg Samis** - April 25, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DP

“ As an employee of NJ Farm Bureau, I got to know Mr. Pew and met him in person several times. I was able to answer his healthcare questions and helped get him through the process of supplemental healthcare insurance and we always talked "farming"... we miss his calls here in the office. Deb-

---

**Deb Wainwright Pribell** - April 23, 2020 at 01:22 PM

HP

Thanks!

---

**Harold Pew** - April 23, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ This is Jack Crosby from Harriett's Oil in Medford John was one a very valued customer to us for many years and we all knew him well. Whenever he called we went there and as soon as possible! John was my friend and he use to call me on my cell out of the blue and say hey "old man" can you come over and see me NOW? I would leave my office and go sit with him and he usually wanted to go over his gasoline invoices but we always spent an hour by the fire talking politics and how the country should run as long as there were Republicans in office! He would always have his lunch and I would bring him watermelon once in awhile which i knew he love. He always talked about his family and his grandchildren and how much he loved them. He told me how much he missed Harold when he retired not being there with him everyday, i know John was tough guy but he was my friend and know his heart was full of love for his family! i know the heavens have a good man up there with them and they have their hands full now with John Pew, I hope most of the other angles up there with John are Republicans, he is smiling everyday on his "tractor in the clouds"! i love you my friend! Jack

---

**Jack Crosby** - April 21, 2020 at 04:44 PM

HP

Thanks

---

**Harold Pew** - April 23, 2020 at 04:22 PM

SQ

“ Sorry to see Uncle John has passed . I think about the great number of people his work touched in his life time . Countless gallons of milk, produce , soy beans , and the tomatoes, for cans of soup, were all enjoyed by so many . The income he provided to his workers. His involvement in his community . He was assuredly the most productive person I know . But most of all I admire the wonderful Family He and Aunt Barbara created . How special were the wonderful family picnics we shared on the farm . I am blessed to have known him and will forever remembered the hard work and honest ethics he exemplified in his life . May God Bless us all .

---

**Steve Quinn** - April 19, 2020 at 03:56 PM

HP

Thanks

---

**Harold Pew** - April 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM

VS

“ So sad to hear of John's passing! He became a true friend over the 36 years I worked for Rutgers Extension Service. Condolences to his family.

---

**Virginia "Cookie" Sullivan** - April 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM