



John Alexander Powell

February 27, 1936 - December 31, 2020

John A. Powell of Moorestown died on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Samaritan Hospice at Virtual-Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. He was 84 and a long-time resident of both Westampton and Willingboro.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, he graduated from Washington High School and went on to receive a BS degree from the University of Southern California (USC) and a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Washington (UofW). While at USC, he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and performed in both the 1955 Rose Bowl parade and Rose Bowl game as a member of the Trojan Marching Band.

After graduation from UofW, he went to work for Rohm & Haas in their research departments in Bristol and Springhouse, Pennsylvania, where he developed processes for the manufacture of acrylic emulsions that improved the characteristics of Plexiglass, paints, adhesives, leather, etc.

John was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Mount Holly since the early 1960s. He had served on the Church's vestry for over 30 years. John was also a member of the Mount Holly Lions Club and an active volunteer in his community.

John enjoyed traveling and has visited dozens of countries around the world, including Cambodia and Vietnam in 2019. He enjoyed listening to jazz, swing, big band, and traditional pop music and watching British television comedies and mysteries.

While at USC, John met his wife, Margaret R. Helms (deceased), who he was

married to for 49 years. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Rossana of Mission Viejo, California and his son and daughter-in-law, James and Anna of Chino Hills, California. John is predeceased by his brother, Evan (Tom) Powell. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Nicole and James II and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be broadcast live on both Zoom and Facebook from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Mount Holly at 1 pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021 (see www.standrewschurch-mh.org for links). Interment will be at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, CA.

Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Andrew's Memorial Fund, 121 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hills Cemetery

Whittier, CA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
121 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *The ADMACS Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Alexander Powell.*

The ADMACS Team - November 14, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Alexander Powell.*



November 14, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“ *John Alexander Powell*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *John Alexander Powell*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

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“ I worked with John for several years at Springhouse, one of Rohm and Haas’ research centers. I remember John as being “up”, when programs were not going well; as a super scientist who eventually solved those problems, and always a straight shooter who you could rely on for help and support. My commiserations to his family
RIP

Tom Stewart

tom Stewart - January 11, 2021 at 04:07 PM

SM

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Powell. I saw him last November at the grocery store and we talked for a couple of minutes. He watched our son David grow up while we attended St. Andrews. He always asked about him and what his future plans were.

Such a caring person and he will truly be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Bill, Stacy and David McBride

Stacy McBride - January 09, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of John Alexander Powell.



January 07, 2021 at 12:55 PM

TS

“ Our condolences are sent to the family and friends of Mr. Powell. He and my father, Elvin Linton, worked for Rohm and Haas in Bristol in enzymes. As a lifelong member of St. Andrew's Church, he will be greatly missed. May he rest in eternal peace in God's hands. Sincerely, Terri and John Sackett

Terri Sackett - January 04, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DM

“ We are deeply grieved at the loss of John. He and Margaret were more than neighbors- they were friends. Our hearts will remember always the many happy moments we shared. Our prayers are with John, James, Anna, Roseanna, Nicole and James. Know that the love for you was deep and abiding. ~the Mongiardo's- Steve, Debbie, Stephen, David, and James

D Mongiardo - January 04, 2021 at 10:00 AM

RG

I hired John when he left Washington to come to Rohm and Haas. After he retired, he was an active member of our R&H alumni luncheon, and recently he moved to the same Senior citizens Community where we lived. Unfortunately, he left us all too soon after that move. I respected John as chemist and enjoyed him a friend. He will be missed by your family.--Roger Graham

Roger Graham - January 05, 2021 at 11:48 AM