



Doyle "John" Livasy Jr.


August 24, 1949 - August 1, 2020

Doyle "John" Livasy, Jr., affectionately called "Diddy" by his four grandchildren, went home to be with the Lord on August 1, 2020 in Murrell's Inlet, SC after the onset of Hamman-Rich Syndrome. He was born August 24, 1949 in Fort Dodge, IA to Doyle John and Ora Belle "Bea" (Gehrt) Livasy. He graduated from Fort Dodge Senior High School in 1967, received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University in 1972, and an MBA from Averett University in Danville, VA in 1996. [SEP]

On October 6, 1973 John and Donna L. Kuske were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, and began their married life which consisted of many moves to several states: Port Clinton, OH; [SEP] Christiansburg, VA; Greenwood, IN; Hendersonville, TN; Blacksburg, VA; and Fairborn, OH. He was an Industrial Engineer for US Gypsum, Federal Mogul, Hubble Lighting, Datacard, and retired as a Purchasing Manager for Vernay Laboratories. While moving was the norm in manufacturing, he refused to move once his kids established lifelong friends in Blacksburg, VA. At one point, he chose to commute to a new job ninety minutes each way so they could finish high school in their "hometown." Summer vacations were important to him, taking two weeks off many summers to travel and explore the country together as a family.


[SEP] In 2003, John and Donna settled in Conway, SC, where he enjoyed his

passion for golf, the beach, traveling and living on the east coast near their children and grandchildren. They looked forward to visits from friends and relatives and never missed a family birthday celebration. John and Donna attended most Virginia Tech football games at home in Blacksburg, VA and loved tailgating and traveling for bowl games. John especially cherished family and high school classmate reunions in Iowa and travel to see Donna's family in CA and at White Hole, AR where they loved fishing, golfing, boating and kayaking. He was thoughtful, supportive, and had a great sense of humor. John would help with endless house projects, play jokes on us, wrestle with the grandchildren, get his hair styled by his granddaughter, convince the grandchildren he was The President of the Universe, and took his timeouts in stride. He knew to be wary of "Mr. Lizard." He was quite the character who will be dearly missed and always remembered for his warm smile

 John is survived by his wife Donna; daughter Kristany and son-in-law Brian Fones, granddaughter Kyleigh and grandson Levi of Midlothian, VA, son Jeff and daughter-in-law Kristina (Boardman) Livasy and grandsons Grayson and Luke of Mount Pleasant, SC; siblings Vernon (Judy) Livasy of Fremont, Nebraska, and Bob (Pam) Livasy of Spencer, Iowa; as well as Aunt Doris Landmesser and Aunt Esther (Dick) Jergens of Gilmore City, IA. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Steve (Kay) Kuske of Des Moines IA and Charles Kuske of Brooklyn, NY; sisters-in-law Nancy (Dennis) Crandall of Fort Dodge, IA and Debbie (Kuske) Severson of Phoenix, AZ and by numerous beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents, and his brother Jeffrey Dale Livasy in 1973

John will be interred at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley in Blacksburg, Virginia after a private memorial service for immediate family. A Celebration of Life will be planned when Covid related restrictions are lifted. Please click the link below to view a video tribute to John.

<https://youtu.be/-n1hkfhZiBw>

 In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's memory to The First Tee of Coastal Carolinas <https://www.firstteecoastalcarolinas.org/memorials/> The First Tee is an educational youth program that builds character and instills values through the game of golf. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home of Blacksburg, VA.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *David and Daniel purchased the Lavender Sympathy Box for the family of Doyle "John" Livasy Jr..*



David and Daniel - August 13, 2020 at 05:11 PM

FF

“ *From Bill & Pam Anderson and Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Doyle "John" Livasy Jr..*



From Bill & Pam Anderson and Family - August 11, 2020 at 06:37 AM

DB

“ *Dear Donna and family- I was saddened to hear of john's passing to be with our lord. I have so many fond memories of your family in the good ole days with the mulberry gang. My last days with Federal-Mogul were with john and friends in Mooresville , Ind at a party and dinner when he offered me a job there. He was a great family man and will always be remembered for his generous giving to others. May the lord bless and keep him in a better place in time. With my heartfelt sympathy //*
Denny Brown @ sml, Va

denny brown - August 10, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ Donna, Harriet and I were so saddened to hear of John’s Passing. We have very fond memories of John and your entire family! Sending love and prayers.
Jimmy

Jimmy Williams - August 09, 2020 at 04:16 PM

 Bebe Severson

“ What a wonderful video honoring John. It truly reflects a full life with many treasured lifelong friends and family that shared his many joys in this life. He will be sorely missed by everyone his life touched but especially the grandkids, his two children and Donna, his wife. I know all the friends he collected through the years will listen for his laughter and the companionship he brought as well. I wish I had gotten to know John better but living on the west coast and being a bit of a wanderer, the timing was always complicated except for a few short trips to Arizona. (more for the Fiesta Bowl, lol) I know he loved and cared for his family and for just that alone, he has my admiration, respect and love. RIP John, you had a hole in one.

Bebe Severson - August 08, 2020 at 02:53 AM

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“ Bebe Severson lit a candle in memory of Doyle "John" Livasy Jr.



Bebe Severson - August 08, 2020 at 02:27 AM

VJ

“ I've known John and Donna most of my life. There are too many memories to begin to share. I will always remember John as a kind hearted, fun loving soul who loved his family dearly. Rest in peace Pablo Fanky!

Vicki Johnson - August 07, 2020 at 07:01 PM

JW

Dear Donna and Family, I am so sorry to hear of John's death. I send you my love and prayers. Janice White

Janice White - August 12, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Remember rafting on the Lower Gauley in West Virginia. We were going thru A class 6 rapid named Pure Screaming Hell when John went off the back of the raft. We had to row to slow the raft so we could pull him in. Remember the van ride from Blacksburg to Arizona. Day after arriving John and I went to a bar where they had a mechanical bull. John and I both rode and were thrown off because the bar tender was controlling it. The last time John rode he was wearing his dad's cowboy hat. The hat came off then John landed on it doing some severe damage. Remember when we went to Lake Placid. When we arrived a beautiful frozen pond was behind our hotel where people were ice skating. It was beautiful. Next day it was raining but, John and I went skiing. One line was very long so we got in the short line as it looked like they went to the same place. When we reached the place where we thought we were getting off the ski lift we were on just kept going after the other one stopped. It finally terminated on a very very high hill. The trail was solid ice. John and I set on our butts and scooted all the way down. It took almost an hour. The next day we all rode the 75 mile per hour Olympic Bobsled. Sandy and Steve Stuart

Steve Sandy Stuart - August 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LC

“ John and I reconnected after one of our classmates had passed away quite a few yrs ago. We stayed in touch and he and Donna graciously offered for my wife and I to visit them and it evolved into an annual spring/summer visit. Now that included a lot of golf and great food! I loved the stories that Donna would tell and for those that know her-her stories never have a "direct path". The fun part was watching John get exasperated with these stories and tell her to the point, but we always told Donna to stay on the path that she chose. We played golf nearly every day and we worked on his game frequently. On June 10th he text me his last 9 holes was a 37 that day!! He was so proud to tell me and I was so proud of him. I'm gonna miss him....



Larry Castagnoli - August 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM

RG

“ To share memories that would do justice to John’s character would require a journal akin to the length of War and Peace. Therefore, I will only focus on the following Illustration of my experiences with John.

Ann and I met John and Donna when we all arrived in Christiansburg, VA more than 40 years ago. Our daughters, Kristany and Renee, were the same age and John and I worked at Federal Mogul in Blacksburg. Through Tom Allen as well as our similar circumstances, we all became good friends. We along with a group of people at Federal Mogul established the TGIF club. We would congregate at the Sound Cellar in Blacksburg on Fridays after work. During an especially difficult time at Federal Mogul (strikes and a business downturn) it was decided that an additional pressure-release night had to be created. If memory serves it was dubbed the Wednesday Afternoon Attitude Adjustment club. And, as I recall, John was not only the instigator but also the first charter member. Attitudes became considerably improved as more than a few pitchers of beer were consumed.

To carry the beer theme a little further we had a golf league at Federal Mogul. At the end of the season we would have a tournament at the Blacksburg Country Club. One year in particular my foursome was following John’s. An interesting phenomenon took place. As my foursome arrived on the green there were bottles of beer surrounding the flag. I’ll give you three guesses as to who left them there and the first two don’t count. Incidentally, the bottles were unopened, so, thanks again John. And thank you for being an unforgettable, intelligent character as well as among the most enjoyable people I’ve known. A friend we will never forget.

Ann and Bob Goncz



Robert Goncz - August 06, 2020 at 01:28 PM

PO

I am so sorry for your great loss Donna, my condolences to you and your family. Paul Olson.

Paul S Olson - August 07, 2020 at 04:20 PM

NK

So So Sorry Donna Kristany Jeff and families

Nancy Kuske - August 08, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MC

What a wonderful array of pictures and the many happy memories you've shared with us. It's so obvious what a loving, caring dad and granddad John was, and the love he shared with Donna thru all the years. He will be missed by many, but especially by his beautiful family. I imagine he'll be organizing golf outings and social gatherings "up yonder". It seems he was ever the Party Chairman since high school days and never lost his love of fun ❤️ My deepest sympathies to all John's family. My heart hurts for you. Mary C.

Mary Castagnoli - August 08, 2020 at 03:44 PM

TW

I am stunned and very sorry for your loss. We worked together in the 60's at HyVee.He was fun to wrk with and had a great personality.

Tom Webster - August 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM