

John D. Schwartz

May 22, 2026

John D. Schwartz, 71, of Allentown, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 22, 2026. He was the companion of Jane Havighurst. Born in Bristol, he was the son of the late John D. and Gloria (Murphy) Schwartz.

John attended Susquehanna University, Stanford University, and University of Michigan. He worked for many years at Air Products as an operations research analyst. An avid duplicate bridge player and director, he reached Sapphire Life Master rank. His contributions to the community ranged from donating over 10 gallons of blood to the Miller Keystone Blood Center to chasing after a purse thief who wandered in after a bridge game. John was a tax preparation volunteer with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for five years. He loved to travel, whether to the Jersey Shore, Canada, Europe, or to bridge tournaments across the country. He rooted for University of Michigan sports and the Phillies. He was involved with coaching his kids' sports teams and loved being a Grandad later in life.

In addition to his companion, Jane, John is survived by his son Brian Schwartz of Macunige; daughters Lauren Schwartz, wife of Tim Cox, of Allentown, Gillian Schwartz of Seattle, WA; sister Virginia Battistini, wife of Mario Battistini, of Doylestown. He will also be missed by his two grandchildren Coraline and Jude.

A memorial service will be held on Friday May 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown, PA 18102. A calling period will begin at 10:00 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made in John's memory to the Miller Keystone Blood Center or Allentown Rescue Mission c/o of the funeral home.

Condolences may be offered at trexlerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 434-9616
info@trexlerfh.com
<https://trexlerfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ John and I played bridge together, both at duplicate and lunchtime bridge when we were working at the little yellow box. Like many of my partners back then, he then left the state, as much as I swear it was not to get away from me. John was a great guy, a fun partner, a pleasure to play with.

John D'Errico - May 30 at 10:04 AM

VB

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Virginia Battistini - May 29 at 08:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John D. Schwartz.



May 28 at 11:10 AM

CA

“ Chris & Anilda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John D. Schwartz.



Chris & Anilda - May 28 at 07:46 AM

CA

“ Chris & Anilda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Schwartz.

Chris & Anilda - May 28 at 07:46 AM

DC

“ So, so sorry to lose such a fun and funny guy to play bridge with. I hope we will keep seeing the well-dressed Jane.

dorothy z cockrell - May 27 at 11:00 PM

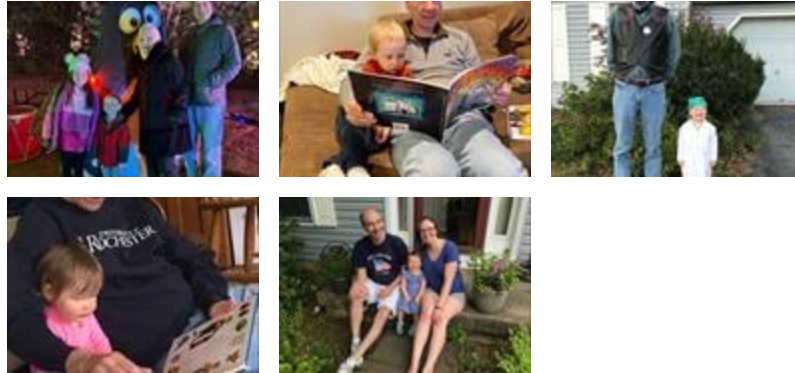
VB

“ John was a terrific guy. Always a gentleman. Really good bridge player too. He will be sorely missed. Valerie Barber

valerie barber - May 27 at 07:02 PM

TC

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Tim Cox - May 27 at 12:29 PM

RB

“ *By luck and good fortune John was assigned to work as a Tax Counselor at Calvary Moravian Church (CMC), where I serve as the site coordinator.*

From day one he was an outstanding Tax Counselor whom I could always depend on to prepare or review accurate returns for our clients.

He always went the extra mile to help our clients and was always kind and considerate in his interactions with both clients and other team members.

His was a rare combination of expertise and competence with a dash of humor, a truly nice person who was always reaching out to help others.

His absence will leave an enormous void that will be virtually impossible to fill. We at CMC will definitely miss him.

Richard Baldock

Richard Baldock - May 27 at 11:11 AM

Jl

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Jill - May 27 at 09:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John D. Schwartz.



May 26 at 06:56 PM



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

May 26 at 06:17 PM

VM

“ Virginia & Mario purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John D. Schwartz.



Virginia & Mario - May 26 at 01:57 PM

VM

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Virginia & Mario - May 26 at 01:57 PM

PW

“ I started volunteering with AARP tax aides in 2025. John welcomed me to his site with open arms and that humorous glint in his eye. He was so patient with the clients and tried to explain everything to them about their return with modesty and understanding. I will miss him.

Patricia Walkup

PB Walkup - May 26 at 01:39 PM

LA

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Lauren - May 26 at 09:30 AM



For over twenty years, John Schwartz was more than just a colleague; he was a mentor whose guidance was always valued. He always had a compassionate ear and I felt that I could talk to him pretty much about anything. His door was always open. He was a gentleman through and through. I am very sad that he is not among us anymore.

Paramjit Grewal - May 26 at 11:28 AM

JC

We loved all the times we spent with Jane and John. He had a great sense of humor and was always willing to go explore new things. We will miss those good times but are so grateful to have had them. We enjoyed John's spark and insightful outlook on life.

John and Bonnie Cook

John Cook - May 28 at 05:34 PM

KY

“*I knew John for about 25 years. He and Jane were good friends. They had a sound bridge partnership. Stan and I enjoyed spending time together here as well as in Florida. He will be missed.*”

Karen Yellin - May 26 at 08:43 AM