



John Arthur Lansing

August 4, 1926 - May 27, 2014

John Arthur Lansing, age 87, of Royal Oak and Ferndale, passed away May 27, 2014. He was born August 4, 1926 in Peoria, IL to the late Arthur and Dorothy Lansing. He was the dear brother of David Hanne Lansing and the late Dr. Dorothy Robert Penman Lansing; proud uncle of Robert, Nicholas, Emily, Jeff and Malcolm; and many great nieces and nephews. He also will be missed by his life partner, Bill Glace. Mr. Lansing was a 1944 graduate of Royal Oak High School. He attended Purdue University and was a 1948 graduate of Virginia Tech, where he earned his degree in architectural engineering. Mr. Lansing retired in 1986 from the Detroit Public Schools, where he was the Director of School Planning. He was a longtime member of Ridgedale Players, Stagecrafters, Michigan Nature Association, Scarab Club, Virginia Tech Alumni Association and AARP. He was a master storyteller. He also was very proud of his Dutch, Irish and Canadian heritage. A memorial celebration will be held at Stagecrafters at the Baldwin Theatre at a later date. Inurnment will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorials to Virginia Tech givingto.vt.edu, Michigan Nature Association michigannature.org, National WASP Women Airforce Service Pilots WWII Museum waspmuseum.org, Stagecrafters stagecrafters.org, Ridgedale Players ridgedaleplayers.com.

Tribute Wall

OL

“ I wish I had the chance to meet my Uncle John. However, from the stories I have been told from my grandfather (his brother), and my father, he was a lovely and intelligent man. I remember when my grandfather and grandmother came back from a trip to Michigan to visit him, they gave me a small bear with a University of Michigan t-shirt from him. I loved that little thing! I am so glad to have been related to such a caring, charismatic man. He was intelligent, and I am so happy to carry on the Lansing love of history (and heritage!).

Olivia Lansing - January 30, 2022 at 09:31 PM

KH

“ Bill, I remember John at many of the Twelfth Night functions. He always had a smile and gentle manner that made him liked by everyone. Our prayers are with you.

Kay and Dave Haupt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ John was a very fine man, highly intelligent and a great conversationalist. Most of all, he was a dear friend. He will be sorely missed by our entire family.

Nancy Potts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ A kind, wonderful, intelligent man is gone but he has left many wonderful memories for all of us fortunate to have known him. My prayers and love to Bill and his family.

Annette See - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Bill, I am very sorry for your loss. Joan Berndt relayed the information on John's passing on Facebook. Sending thoughts and prayers, love and hugs for you and your family in hopes that you find some comfort in them at this most difficult time.

Lou-Anne Thomas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bill, Joan and i have you and John in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss John very much especially his great knowledge on so many different areas and subjects. Bill please know that we are here to help you any way that we can at any time.

Bill and Joan Berndt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ So sorry, Bill! May The thoughts and prayers of those who care for you help you through this time.

Gwen and Michael Elbert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM