



## John L. Wick MD.

September 24, 1937 - December 10, 2024

John L. Wick, MD, a beloved physician and cherished family man, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2024, in Butler.

Born on September 24, 1937 in Butler, he was the son of the late Dwight L. and Dora S. (Gardner) Wick. John's life was marked by dedication to his profession and family.

John graduated from Butler High School in 1955 and pursued higher education at Grove City College, graduating in 1959. John earned his medical degree from Temple Medical School in 1963. Following his graduation, he served in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1965, stationed on Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands, Japan. As the sole physician on the island, he fondly remembers these years as some of the best of his life. It was on Chichi Jima that he met Elsie, his wife of 59 years.

Upon returning to Butler in 1965, John specialized in ophthalmology, becoming a trusted eye doctor in the community. He opened his practice on East Cunningham Street in 1973, where he served his many patients with dedication and care.

John was a man of diverse interests. An avid ham radio operator, he enjoyed countless hours conversing with other hams in Butler as well as on the other

side of the earth. He was a prolific gardener, known for his bountiful harvests, particularly his tomatoes. As an amateur pilot, he enjoyed flying his Piper Cherokee to the annual air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Until his health prevented it, he was a reliable provider of nourishment to the birds, squirrels and deer that frequented his backyard, as well as several stray cats over the years - several of whom moved in and found a loving home.

Preceded in death by his parents, brother, Dennis Wick and brother-in-law, Ron Cooper. John is survived by his wife, Elsie Mayumi (Savory) Wick. He leaves behind two children, Candace Wick (Peter) Cari of Arlington, Virginia and Travis J. Wick of Butler, his grandson, Henry W. Cari of Arlington, VA; his sister, Norma Cooper of Butler and sister-in-law, Pearl Wick of Cortland, OH and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Wick's legacy of compassion and service will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Friends and family will be received on Wednesday, December 18th from 1PM until the time of service at 3 PM at the Young Funeral Home, 127 West Jefferson St, Butler with Rev. Jim Lewis officiating.

Burial and Military honors at West Sunbury Union Cemetery on Thursday, December 19th at 11 AM.

# Cemetery Details

## West Sunbury Union Cemetery

West Sunbury, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.  
127 W. Jefferson St.  
PO Box 1522  
Butler, PA 16003  
(724) 283-3333  
youngfuneralhome@zoominternet.net  
<http://www.youngfuneralhomes.com/index.php>

## Service

DEC 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Military honors at cemetery

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DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Sunbury Union Cemetery  
West Sunbury, PA

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ John was one of the first people who befriended me when I came to Butler. We discovered that we had many common interests especially ham radio. As we were both long time operators we frequently compared notes on new contacts, radios and antennas. We also shared stories about our military backgrounds and we shared many a laugh and a smile when we both discovered through his and my wife's genealogy curiosity, that they were distant cousins. I will miss his friendship and our conversations about anything and everything. He was a true friend to my wife and I. Dr James and Judy Byers

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**Dr James F Byers** - December 17, 2024 at 04:06 PM

MW

“ I had the good fortune to work for Dr. Wick. He was an intelligent, kind, and generous man and boss. I witnessed how he treated his employees and patients with respect and kindness. There were many patients that could not pay but that was never a concern to him. He would always take care of them and tell them not to worry about the payment. Dr. Wick did so many wonderful things for people but never wanted them to know where the help came from. He would have groceries, clothing, medicine sent to people if needed. I saw him give people cash to help with utility bills. Dr. Wick always gave back to his community and over the years supported many charities.

*I always loved hearing his stories of being in the Navy and speaking to people all over the world on his ham radio and of course hearing about his building of his airplane. He loved to fly. Dr. Wick had so many wonderful qualities that he shared with so many people over the years. He was truly a blessing! You will be missed. Marty*

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**Marty Walker** - December 17, 2024 at 11:09 AM

RM

“ *My Uncle John was a funny, genuine, intelligent, generous man whom I always looked up to and respected. I owe him more than I can say. He took me on my first airplane ride. He showed me my first lunar eclipse. He gave me the best advice I never took. That I didn't take it is on me not him. Thank you, John, for the life you led and the huge part you played in my life. Bob*

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**Robert Meals** - December 12, 2024 at 09:26 PM

KH

“ *Dr Wick as a wonderful eye doctor. I remember going to his office as a child and how helpful he was. Sympathies to his family*

*Kelly H.*

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**kelly hasychak** - December 12, 2024 at 05:12 PM