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John E "Elvie" Pfautz *Sunday, September 30, 1934 - Wednesday, July 13, 2016*



John Elvin "Elvie" Pfautz, 81, of New Holland, died Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at Select Specialty Hospital, Harrisburg. Born in Ephrata, John was the son of the late Paul and Lulu Carles Pfautz. He was the husband of Barbara "Bobbi" Dynesko Pfautz with whom he celebrated 48 years of marriage. John was a graduate of Ephrata High School Class of 1952. In 2003 John was inducted in the Ephrata Mountaineer Hall of Fame. From 1948 - 1952 he played Baseball, Football, and Basketball. He was selected to the All Star Team in 3 sports. For 3 years he led the Mounts Basketball team in scoring. In 1952 he was the MVP of the East West All Star Baseball Game. Named as one of Ephrata's "Greatest Athletes of the Century". He was drafted by the New York Yankees and played minor league baseball for 3 years. He was employed for over 30 years, in the Accounting and Purchasing Departments of Pepperidge. After his retirement he was employed by New Holland Ford. John was a member of the Coatesville Country Club and Galen Hall Golf Course. He loved working in his yard and on his house, and of course, his Schnauzers. They were a great source of comfort for him. Most of all he loved and cared for his wife Bobbi. He loved his kids more than they knew. He lived loving people. In addition to his wife Bobbi, John is survived by three daughters: Peg Pfautz of Ft Meyers, FL, Kandie Esterl (John) of Downingtown and Patti Echhoff (Ron) of Narvon, grandchildren Casey Smith, Megan Echhoff, Kellie Caldwell and Jacob Echhoff and great grandchildren Anthony Smith, Andrew Smith and Camden Caldwell. He is also survived by a brother Barry (Patti) of New Holland and a sister Judy Myers (Jim Martzall) of Ephrata and nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his dog "Chloe". John is predeceased by a son John Christian Pfautz and a brother Eugene and his dog "Mandi". John's Funeral Service will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Beck Funeral Home, 315 E. Main Street, New Holland. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Interment will be private. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of Hershey Medical Center and Select Specialty of Harrisburg for their care and their compassion. In lieu of flowers, memorials in John's honor may be made to the Humane League Fund at Lancaster Community Foundation, 24 West King St, Suite 201, Lancaster, PA 17603. The family is looking into starting a "John Pfautz" athletic scholarship at Ephrata High School.

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My condolences to the Pfautz family, especially Bobbi. John was such an endearing man who liked to see people have fun & laugh. What I admired most was his dedication to his wife Bobbi, & his compassion to their Schnauzers. The world has lost a wonderful man. RIP John

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