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John I. Schumann

Born in Watertown, Wisconsin on May 25, 1927

Died on Jun 29, 2017 and resided in Sheboygan, Wisconsin



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John Schumann, age 90, of Sheboygan, passed away June 29, 2017 at the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice. He was born in Watertown, Wisconsin to the late Stella (Wollin) Schumann and Henry Schumann on May 25th, 1927.

He graduated from Watertown High School in 1945 and immediately left to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. John served on the U.S.S. San Juan in the South Pacific until the war's end. Returning to Wisconsin, John attended La Crosse State College. During this time, he played 2 years of professional baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies Farm System, signing a contract for \$500 in 1946. John averaged .283 and .308 as a hitter, setting the league double play record as a second baseman.

On June 11, 1950, he returned to Watertown to marry Ethel Mae Bast.

The couple resided in La Crosse, Wisconsin for one year while John finished his degree. While attending La Crosse, John earned four letters in basketball and was on the All Conference Team each year. As a point guard John tied the single game-scoring total of 25 points for the La Crosse Indians. John also earned four letters in baseball. Unfortunately, a knee injury as a freshman ended his career in football.

After graduating, John entered the teaching profession. He taught History and Physical Education, coached football, basketball, and baseball in Harmony, Minnesota for 2 years, his first job. John and Ethel's next move was to East Troy, Wisconsin. For eleven years John taught Physical Education and coached varsity basketball at East Troy High School. Here he was twice named Coach of the Year in the Southern Lakes Conference, winning several championships even though East Troy had the smallest enrollment.

As a baseball player with the Tri-Troy Boosters, the team won 9 out of 10 championships in the Southern Land of Lakes League. During this time John batted his personal best of .460, an accomplishment he recalled with great pride. In 1954, Johnny Logan (Milwaukee Braves Shortstop) presented John with the league trophy for highest average.

In 1964 John, Ethel and family moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He continued his education receiving his Master's Degree at Stout State University. At Sheboygan South High School, he taught Physical Education, and coached boys varsity basketball and JV football. He was named Coach of the Year for the Fox River Valley Conference in 1981. In the same year he retired from coaching basketball, continuing to teach for several more years before retiring altogether. Now retired, golf became his sport of choice. As a member of Riverdale Golf and Country Club he was Senior Champion in 1997-2000.

John also joined the Plymouth Kettle Karvers to try his hand at woodcarving. Here he was named Most Improved Carver in 2006, and was the feature carver for the yearly show in 2010.

In 1981 John was named Basketball Coach of the Year by the University of Wisconsin -La Crosse and in 1988 was inducted into the UW - LaCrosse Wall of Fame. He was named to the Sheboygan South High Wall of Fame in 1998, and in 2007 had the South High

Community Gymnasium dedicated in his honor, aptly named The Schumann Gym. The Sheboygan County Baseball Association inducted him into their Wall of Fame in 2016.

John was a member of: American Legion, East Troy Baseball Team, Sheboygan County Baseball Association, Riverdale Golf and Country Club, Wisconsin Education Association, Sheboygan County Area Teachers Association, Lifetime member of the NEA, Elks Lodge-serving on the Gridiron Committee, LaCrosse Alumni Association, Plymouth Kettle Karvers, member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council in East Troy, member of the Board of Elders and the Board of Education at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sheboygan.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel, of Sheboygan; three children, Marcia (Rob) Schumann-McMaher, of Lone Tree, CO, Jeffrey (Sherri) Schumann, of Omaha, NE, Sandy (Marc) Papendieck, of Edgerton, WI; eight grandchildren, Cari Kate Schumann-McMaher, Venessa Gatuma, Kristin McMahon, Danny (Haley) Schumann, Dr. Chris (Dr. Jessica) Schumann, Stephanie Schumann, Nick (Alea) Papendieck and Alissa (Aaron) Prater; four great-grandchildren, Patrick and Robert Gatuma, Reece Schumann, Ivy Rae Papendieck, and one expected great-grandchild to be born in September. John is also further survived by a sister-in-law, Norma Schumann, of Watertown; brother-in-law, Jack (Carole) Bast, of LaCrosse and numerous, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Clarence (Lucille) Schumann and Raymond Schumann.

A funeral service for John will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 917 Mead Ave., Sheboygan with Rev. James Schulz officiating. Family and friends may gather at the church on Monday afternoon from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. VFW Post 9156 will be providing full military honors following the service.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Qiaofang (Lisa) Chen and Ron Rekowski, patient navigator of the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic. Special thanks to the staff at Memorial Hospital and the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice for wonderful care. Last, our gratitude to supportive neighbors and friends.

Funeral Service: Monday Jul 3, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at [Our Saviors Lutheran Church](#)
Visitation: Monday Jul 3, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at [Our Saviors Lutheran Church](#)

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