



John L. MacGowan

February 7, 2020

John Leslie MacGowan of Coopersburg, died Friday, February 7. He was born in Paris, France, in 1932 and lived in Genoa, Italy, where his father worked for American Export Lines, until the outbreak of World War II, when his family returned to the states. He grew up in northern New Jersey, graduated from the Peddie School, Middlebury College, where he met his wife Sara (Sally) and the University of Virginia School of Law.

After graduating from law school he moved to Allentown and was a partner at Perkins, Twining, Dower and Christie. During those years he was active in the Allentown Salisbury Junior Kiwanis Club and Boots and Saddle Riding Club, where he spearheaded the effort to preserve the club's lands for the Wildlife Conservancy. A long-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he was involved in a project the church undertook to sponsor two Muslim families who had been ousted from Uganda and later helped them buy their first Mosque. He served on the church Vestry.

He and Sally later bought a farm, Spring Fields, where they boarded horses. John enjoyed working around the property and was often to be found on his beloved John Deere tractor.

John was someone who put others first, who loved to laugh, who was loyal and who could hold a fascinating and entertaining conversation with almost anyone about anything.

In addition to his wife of 62 years he is survived by his brother, Robert and three children: John H. (Emily) of Coopersburg, David L. (Elizabeth) of Waterbury, Vt. and Alexandra Calligeros (David) of Nyack. NY. He leaves six grandchildren, Matthew and John Karl MacGowan, Paul and Joseph MacGowan and Thalia and Eugene Calligeros as well as two great-grandchildren, Owen MacGowan and John Daniel (Danya) MacGowan.

Services will be held Saturday, February 15 at 11 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 35 S. 5th St. in Allentown. Calling hours from 10 to 11 A.M. in the church.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

2010 W. Chew St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
35 S. 5th Street
Allentown, PA 18101

Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I never drive through Pleasant Valley with out hearing John's voice saying "Schuckenhausen".
A true gentleman with a great sense of humor. Can't beat that.

jane clarke - February 27, 2020 at 02:48 PM

PF

“ Patric (Pat) Lawson and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John L. MacGowan.



Patric (Pat) Lawson and family - February 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John L. MacGowan.



February 11, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JB

“ Dear Sally,

My deepest condolences.

John loved to give me bear hugs and call me "Angelo," my middle name.

He was a gentleman.

Jack De Bellis

jack De Bellis - February 11, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of John L. MacGowan.



February 11, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SL

“ Sally & family, I will always remember talking to John about bridges and the joys of travelling across them during high winds. It will always bring a smile to my face. His loss is profound. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Sabrina L - February 09, 2020 at 04:38 PM

BF

John was a wonderful, kind man, who will be missed by those who knew & loved him. I am so privileged to have known him & called him Friend! Jeff & I will miss him, our hearts are saddened by his passing. R.I.P John

Billie Jo & Jeff Fretz - February 10, 2020 at 07:59 AM

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carol Dorey - February 09, 2020 at 03:20 PM