



John Bach,

November 27, 1922 - September 10, 2012

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Event.observe(window, 'load', googleTranslateElementInit);
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function googleTranslateElementInit() {  
  new google.translate.TranslateElement( {pageLanguage: 'en',  
    multilanguagePage: true}, 'google_translate_element');
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  if (navigator.userAgent && navigator.userAgent.match(/Firefox/)) {  
    // This is a terrible terrible hack, Google Translate blows away the sound on  
    Firefox.
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    // Calling reboot seems to bring it back.
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    soundManager.reboot();
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  }
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}
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John Herman Bach, Jr., died peacefully on Monday, September 10, 2012 at Community South Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his wife, Valeta (Nartker) Bach, his parents, John A. and Mary (Kauffman); sister, Florence and brother, Walter. John is survived by his daughters, Patricia Beard (LeRoy), Mary Ann Plaspohl (Edward), and Martha Von Bank (Nicholas). He also enjoyed his grandchildren, Meredith Beard (Jonathan Pan), Amelia Cuddy (Daniel) and Ashlee Beard; Marissa Healy (Richard), Michael (Julie) and Megan Plaspohl; Michael (Kati and Zoey), Nicholas (Jessi, Samuel and Lydia), Patrick (Emily) and William Von Bank. He was thrilled with the birth of his first great grandchild Grace Michelle who he was able to meet for the first time in July. He is also survived by his brother Raymond. John was born November 27, 1922 in Dayton, Ohio and attended Holy Rosary Elementary School. While attending Chaminade High School he worked as a free lance artist, winning many drawing contests including a washing machine for his Mother. After graduating in 1941, John attended the Dayton Art Institute on a full scholarship. In 1943, he went into the Army and was stationed in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and England. In 1946, while stationed in France and Germany, John worked as an artist for Stars and Stripes Newspaper. After his discharge in 1946, John attended the Central Academy of Commercial Art in Cincinnati, OH. On April 28, 1951 he married Valeta Nartker at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. They were married for 58 years. John worked as the Art Director at the Don Kemper Company for over twenty years then at Willis Case Harwood for over twenty years before retiring in 1989. John and Valeta were actively involved with the Church of the Holy Angels

during their fifty four (54) years as church members. John donated his artistic talents to many projects in the Church. John was a delegate to the Archdiocesan Synod and taught religious education to high school students for several years. After his retirement, he created posters which advertised and commemorated exhibits at the Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton. He also became an active member of the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors and Western Ohio Watercolor Society and finally followed his lifelong passion of watercolor painting. In 2009, John and Valeta moved to Greenwood, Indiana. They resided at the Hearth at Stone's Crossing and became members of Saints Francis and Clare Church. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff at the Hearth for all the care and compassion they provided to our parents and to the staff and Parish community at Saints Francis and Clare Church who offered so much spiritual support in the short time they were members. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Angels, Dayton, OH. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, at Reis Legacy Center Meyer-Boehmer Chapel, 6661 Clio Road, Centerville, OH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to either the Church of the Holy Angels, 1322 Brown Street, Dayton, OH 45409 or Saints Francis Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, IN 46143. Words of encouragement may be sent to www.reislegacycenter.com.

Previous Events

Burial

SEP 15 (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
1625 Calvary Drive
Dayton, OH 45409

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 15. 9:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Angels
1322 Brown Street
Dayton, OH 45409

Tribute Wall

PD

“ John was my very first mentor in life. I was a young wanna be commercial artist that operated the gallery camera at Willis Case Harwood. John took me under his wing and had me doing art and lettering exercises on top of my college courses. I spent a lot of time John before and after work. John was always there to teach me not only about art and business but about life and moral codes. John was a man above all others in my eyes. May God Bless John. Amen. Patrick Donovan

Patrick Donovan - September 12, 2022 at 12:34 AM

NC

“ John brought so much old-school talent to WCH Advertising from where it started to what it was to when he retired. He recognized the brand new growing new computer world ... photoshop... "what's the heck is that"?! On a personal note, one day we were talking and he learned that I was singing with the DPO choir, and weeks later there he and Valeta were, on a very hot summer day, in their lawn chairs, and they were there cheering us on. I had barely left the stage and he was front and center, thanking me! I have very fond memories of him ...but, glad he's with Valeta... love and prayers up to you all

Norma Moore - Kettering, OH - former co-worker - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Martha and Family,*
I have great memory of your dad doing signs for every and any event we had. I was especially touched when he did one for my wedding. It is a treasured memeoery I will always have of your dad. He was akind and loving man.
My your faith and memories sustaian you now. I am so sorry I can't make the viewing or funeral. Please know you are in my prayers
Peace, Amy

Amy Armstrong Smith - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I was saddened to learn today about the passing of John. He was a truly talented artist who also understood the importance of the business of advertising. One of the many things he was good at was the production of presentation cards for our business. He was our "Power Point" before Power Point and his work played an important part in the success of the agency.*

What I will always remember about John, however, was not business, but personal. My wife and I had the misfortune of losing a baby girl at birth. Because we had no family in Dayton a small service at Calvary Cemetery was planned. Somehow, John made the effort to find out about it and he was the only person, outside of family, to come to the service. At a very difficult time for us, his presence was a comfort. But that was John Bach. A very special person indeed. May he rest in peace.

Michael Healy - Naples, FL - Friend - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *What a wonderful life John led. He contributed so much to his Faith, family, and the art world. There is no doubt that John leaves behind a lasting impression. Our deepest sympathy to the Bach Family.*

Louis and Shellie Weber - Dayton, OH - cousin - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I always enjoyed Mr. Bach while at the Hearth. He was always a gentleman to the staff and myself. He had a gleam in his eye and the sweetest sense of humor. I saw him care and love his wife. He had a very caring family that took him to church and out to dinner on Saturday evenings. My sympathy to his family. They're never be another John Bach.

Amy Zigovits - Indianapolis, IN - Friend - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Patty, MaryAnn and Martha*

Your Dad was a very special person. I will never forget that he and your Mom were the first ones to the house when Dad died. He was so good to Dad through Dad's illness. He always said how much he thought of Dad and how much he missed him. That is how I feel about Uncle John. He was a kind and caring man. I will miss him and his many kind words of encouragement. He has a very special place in my heart.

*God bless and keep you all,
Bev*

Bev Nartker - Dayton, OH - cousin - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *John was a wonderful person. He befriended my mother at The Hearth and often ate meals with her and their friends. I had the opportunity to join this group for lunch and enjoyed the company.*

He will missed greatly missed.

Stacey Evanns - Greenwood, IN - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To The Plaspohl Family - we are saddened to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. May God guide you through this difficult time.

God Bless,

The Ochs Family (Megan's Roommate)

The Ochs Family - Miamisburg, OH - Friend - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Patricia, Mary Ann and Martha

I would like to offer my sympathy at the death of your father. At this time of pain and separation our faith gives us consolation in the words of Jesus, "I will raise him up."

Indeed, may John know the joy and peace of the Risen Jesus Christ in Paradise forever. My prayers are with you.

*In Christ,
Fr. Tom Meyer*

Fr. Thomas E. Meyer - Kettering, OH - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM