



## Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker

December 4, 1938 - January 30, 2019

John Arthur Hawbecker, 80, husband of 54 years to Mildred Joan Sutton Hawbecker, of 26 Quail Drive, Salem, passed away, Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Scranton, PA, Mr. Hawbecker was the son of the late John Hawbecker and Mary Hawbecker-Brown. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as an enlisted Cryptologist Analyst. After the Army, he pursued a 23-year career as a Communication Systems Analyst with the Department of State, during which he served 14 years overseas in Greece, Philippines, Korea, Singapore and Pakistan. After retiring from the government in 1987, he worked for 15 years for Lockheed-Martin as a Satellite Systems Analyst. He volunteered to serve as the chairman of the Architectural Control Committee for the Danbury Forest Homeowners Association in Springfield, VA. After final retirement, he moved to the Walhalla area in 2002.

He was a member of the Antique Boat Club of America, NARFE, Vietnam Veterans Associations in the Upstate, Newcomer Club of the Foothills, and was a founding member of Euchre Card Club. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he served on the congregation council. Mr. Hawbecker enjoyed home improvement, always had a project on which he was working and completed many home renovations himself. He loved

bluegrass music and chopping wood. He attended many car shows and took trips across the nation with his friends in the American Automobile Club of America. He participated in Operation Inasmuch Outreach. Mr. Hawbecker enjoyed clogging with the Keowee Cloggers, and was the only male in the group. He also worked with Disaster Response on two mission trips to Mississippi to serve those that were affected by hurricane Katrina.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Hawbecker is survived by a daughter: Delaine Marie Hollandsworth (Edgar M.) of Ashburn, VA; sons: John Michael Hawbecker (Andrea) of Lorton, VA and Bryon Lee Hawbecker of Woodbridge, VA; sister: Ellen Marie Brown of Selbyville, DE; grandchildren: Bryce K. Hollandsworth and Kyle J. Hollandsworth; special cousin: Eileen Selkis of Fort Mill, SC; and numerous friends and extended family.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 PM, Thursday, February 7, 2019, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Walhalla, SC. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 301 W. Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 or to the charity of one's choice in honor of John.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Walhalla, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Happy memories of the Hawbeckers Islamabad & Washington DC.*  
*Sue Wall*

**Sue Wall** - September 07, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *We met John and his wife Millie at his daughter Delaine and husband Ed home. We shared many good times, at Easter's, 4th of July's, Halloween's, Birthdays, etc. John was a man of few words, not a talker, he was a listener. We knew that he was in the army, he loved his country, and Millie so much. He collected cars and enjoyed meeting with people who shared that interest. He and Millie traveled the country to the cars shows and have a great time after he retired from a long service to many places. He was a hard worker and wanted to live in the mountains when he retired. He build his dream home. He will be missed by his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and friends. Rest in peace John. May God receive your soul.*

**Erika Meredith** - February 20, 2019 at 12:56 AM

AB

“ I send my deepest sympathy to you Millie on the passing of your dear husband John. May God's unfailing love give you comfort. I really enjoyed meeting and chatting with you at Walmart a short time ago.

*With love and blessings to you and your family.*

*Annie Belauskas*

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**Annie Belauskas** - February 07, 2019 at 09:13 AM

MG

“ Millie,

*Jack and I are so very saddened of the news of John's passing. We so enjoyed visiting and sharing with you both at the Hartwell boat shows and gatherings. We will hold you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jack and Mary Gidley  
(Aka AL's sister)*



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**Mary Gidley** - February 06, 2019 at 09:23 PM

MD

“ A life well lived is never lost. In God's hands he is more alive than he has ever been. We miss him for a season, and meet again forever. Thank you Jesus.

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**Mike Delancyk** - February 06, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ *Millie:*  
*We are sorry to learn of John's passing. John was a talented and dedicated Communications Officer whom was always there when he needed to be. Our thoughts and prayers for the Hawbecker family at this hour of your loss.*

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**Dottie & Richard Price** - February 05, 2019 at 04:17 PM

DT

“ *For Millie and family, Ruthann and I send our deepest sympathies to you in this difficult time. We will remember John as a caring, thoughtful friend and we will miss him too.*  
*Dave and Ruthann Thomas*

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**David Thomas** - February 04, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *We where sorry to here about John we will miss him. Dennis and John had a love for cars I think they they could talk for ever we send our prayers to each one of you DENNIS AND LAQUETA CHILDERS*



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**Laqueta Childers** - February 04, 2019 at 07:36 PM

ES

“❤️ John was a good man, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. He lived his life with gusto, NEVER slowing down and with no regrets. I bet he is in heaven now chopping wood, playing softball, working on his antique cars & boat, clogging, directing people to their seats from St. John's Church and most likely the security guard for all of heaven. He loved his family and was so proud of their accomplishments. And Millie, his anchor, a faithful wife & wonderful mom and grandmother was always by his side and in those lost hours comforting him through his pain and most difficult hours. I will miss my cuz. Rest In Peace dear John . 🙏

Eileen Selkis - February 04, 2019 at 06:44 PM

AA

“ Action Automotive lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker



Action Automotive - February 04, 2019 at 03:31 PM

BS

“ John was a very caring and very adventuresome man and also had many talents. I remember his visit to CT. With me and his close cousin.... Eileen. He was showing off his beautiful boat at a show in Essex CT. And asked me to work with him and prepare for the show on the CT. River. It was an awesome experience!!! Thanks John.. be at peace..... Ben selkis

Ben selkis - February 04, 2019 at 12:29 PM

FP

“ From Lee Wilson & Genie Persivale purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker.



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**From Lee Wilson & Genie Persivale** - February 04, 2019 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ Blue Ridge Chapter -Antique & Classic Boat Society purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker.



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**Blue Ridge Chapter -Antique & Classic Boat Society** - February 04, 2019 at 10:42 AM

SD

“ John was a truly wonderful man. He always offered to help those that needed assistance. His love for Millie, his children and grandchildren was evident each time I spoke to him. He was so very proud of his family. He will be missed.

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**Sheila Dumas** - February 03, 2019 at 07:47 AM

BS

“ To my good friend of 59 years and Vietnam vet buddy. Remembering our times at Fort Devens, Saigon, Danang and Phu Bai Vietnam, and our 50th reunion at Skaneateles Lake, NY. Thanks for reconnecting with me on the internet many years ago. I always enjoyed our chats and jokes and will miss you and your signature sign off, "CHEERS"  
Your Friend,  
Bill Sherris



**BILL SHERRIS** - February 03, 2019 at 01:53 AM

AS

*Alan and Faye Smith. Such fond memories of John and Millie, our boating buddies and our friends..... we will miss him and send our love and kind wishes to Millie and family. May your grief be lightened knowing how much you are loved.*

**Alan and Faye Smith** - February 04, 2019 at 05:31 PM

JJ

“ Love and prayers for the Hawbecker family. He will certainly be missed by his many friends.



**Juanita Burrell Johns** - February 02, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JV

“ My deepest sympathy to you in your loss. I first met John in 2013 ( I think) when I was his physical therapist. I was new to this area and it was my first day on my new job at LifesStrides Physical Therapy.. John had had a surgery on his shoulder and his first question to me was "Can I be ready to play softball by the end of the season"? We started talking about softball and Euchre and it didn't take him long to convince me to join both the senior softball team and the Euchre Club. Since then, it feels like I saw John more often at physical therapy than I did at either softball or euchre. I loved John's dry sense of humor and I really admired his commitment to help folks new to the area find a fit for their social outlet needs.I never got to play softball with John (I injured my knee at the first practice) but I always looked forward to seeing him at euchre and I requested that John be added to my list of patients when he needed therapy. I just loved John and I will miss him.

Julie Voss - February 02, 2019 at 12:34 PM

JC

“ Jerry Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker



Jerry Frieda Cobb - February 02, 2019 at 09:05 AM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker



Kathy addis - February 02, 2019 at 08:04 AM



*John & Millie Are special people...I didn't see him frequently but anybody who would let my grandson drive his boat is a very thoughtful and special person.*

*Wilson Wright*

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**Wilson Wright** - February 04, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *GREG AND CATHIE NOWELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hawbecker*



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**GREG AND CATHIE NOWELL** - February 01, 2019 at 06:26 PM