



## John Murray Gorgas

October 28, 1941 - August 3, 2022

John Murray Gorgas, 80, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away Wednesday August 3, 2022. He was a native of Pittsburgh, PA. After graduating Chambersburg High School, John attended Penn State and graduated with a Bachelors in Journalism, continuing with a Masters in Communications from Shippensburg State College. He began work at the Chambersburg Newspaper, Public Opinion, followed by a distinguished 30 year career as a public affairs officer for the Army as a civilian. His career began in Chambersburg, PA at Letterkenny Army Depot, took the family to Bel Air, MD and then to Manassas, VA where he retired from Army Material Command.

John was an avid genealogy buff, enjoyed stamp collecting, was a lifelong Lionel train enthusiast, and enjoyed watching many sports, particularly Penn State football, and his Pittsburgh Steelers. John was a kind, thoughtful, and loving man who would go out of his way to help in ways he could contribute. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

John is survived by his loving wife, Ruth, of 58 years, his son John Eric with his wife Joyce and granddaughters Kathryn and Sarah, his son Mark, and his daughter Laura and granddaughter Haley. A funeral service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. It will be followed by the interment at Stonewall Memory Gardens cemetery at

12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to cancer or diabetes charities.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *John was a very special neighbor and friend. We will miss his many acts of kindness and his gentle sense of humor. Our sympathies to Ruth and the family, Meade and Pam Gwinn*

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**Pamela M Gwinn** - August 15, 2022 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Diane and Craig Erway purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Murray Gorgas.*



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**Diane and Craig Erway** - August 08, 2022 at 03:20 PM

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“ One could not have asked for a more pleasant personality with whom to meet the challenges and rewards of those fast-paced days *In Public Affairs*. John had an even temperament in every situation. He was extremely punctual, structured, dependable, unruffled. He was unpretentious and had a sense of humor.

John and Ruth welcomed my son and his family when they moved into the neighborhood and attended the same church, continuing to always be good neighbors.

John and I shared an appreciation of music. Although unfortunately I never heard him perform, I am aware that he was a talented pianist, and along with his wife, sang in their church choir for many years, John having perfect pitch. He married his high school sweetheart, who would sometimes call and with breathless anticipation inquire, “Is my Sweetheart there?”

Dear Ruth, I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You were blessed to have shared a long and happy marriage, although this seems far too soon and sudden ~ And then we remember ~ God has a Plan for each of us.

My family and I shall miss you, John, our Friend. I believe Heaven’s Choir will welcome a strong bass voice. ~ Jan Sexton

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Jan Sexton - August 08, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Murray Gorgas.



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August 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of John Murray Gorgas.



August 08, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Murray Gorgas.



August 08, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Murray Gorgas.



August 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Murray Gorgas.



August 05, 2022 at 09:30 AM