



The Obituary

“Quiet Waters Run Deep”

John Ray Hoffman, Jr., the youngest child of John and Elsie Hoffman, was born on January 29, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He departed this life December 22, 2010 in Evesham Township, New Jersey.

John graduated from Lower Camden County Regional High School, June 13, 1955. He joined the United States Air Force on June 6, 1956 and after active duty proceeded to the Air National Guard, where he retired from the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing, with twenty-six years of service, on April 22, 1985. John then was employed by the Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense where he fully retired from the public sector in 1998 with forty-three years of service to his country.

John accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on December 29, 1996. He became a member of First Baptist Church of Willingboro on January 8, 1997. He became an ardent worker with the church. John participated in the Colombia Mission Trip, January 1999 and Katrina Mission Trip. He served as Deacon 2001 – 2004, 2005 – 2008, and 2009 – 2010. He was an Usher, an adult Sunday School Teacher, Awana leader, and was involved in the Men’s Bible Study and Shuffleboard. He was active on the following church teams: Hospitality, Buildings and Grounds and the First Baptist Church 50th Anniversary. John was very active in The West Jersey Rose Society, and was president from 2007-2009.

John was joined in holy matrimony to Margaret A. Hoffman (*nee* Taliaferro) on November 2, 1963. From this union, two children were born. The couple nurtured their family in a Christian environment stressing love and unity. Always quoting a Bible verse, one oft quoted was from Jeremiah 7:23 “...Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.” John was very active in his church and took much pleasure in passing down his love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through teaching and walking reverentially with the Lord.