



John Norman "Jack" Dearing

January 7, 2016

John Norman (Jack) Dearing of Hopkins, passed away peacefully at the age of 87 on January 7, 2016. He was born in Alliance, Nebraska on February 19, 1928. John served in the US Navy and married his wife Virginia Goldammer in 1963. John and Virginia spent nearly 50 years together, working and expanding their career in the retail industry. John enjoyed gardening (especially growing roses), singing in the choir, taking their boat "Misty" down the St. Croix River and indulging in his wife's fabulous cooking. He especially loved cocktail hour with homemade appetizers and dinners that Virginia prepared, so much that he wrote a cook book of their favorite recipes in her honor. John was also a gifted poet and dedicated most of his works to his lovely bride, who he adored.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Cora Dearing, six sisters, three brothers, wife Virginia, grandson Darin Driskill and granddaughter Lauren Driskill. John is survived by his two sons, John Thompson (wife Sandy), Jason Thompson (wife Janie), daughter Lisa Driskill (husband Scott) and grandchildren Johnny, Lindsey, Joey and Sally.

During this past year, he was a favorite resident at the Golden Living Center in Wayzata, where he was cared for by a wonderful staff that brought out the best in him (everyone loved to hear John sing and enjoyed his sense of humor). John was a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather who will be missed, but who we will always keep in our hearts.

A private service for family members will be held at Washburn McReavy

Funeral home in Hopkins. Memorials preferred to donors choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *John N Dearing is preceded in death of first wife Lillian Adams Dearing. He is survived by his five children. Terry and husband Robert Miller, Robert and wife Nancy Dearing, John and wife Tammy Dearing, Timothy (Ryan) and wife Michelle Dearing, and Kris Cadabona. 20 Grandchildren. Michael, Katie, Amy, Cheryl, Daphne, Max, Sylvia, Christopher, Stacey, Jennifer, Donald, Jeremy, Bradley, Heather, Matthew, Christopher, Breanne, Adam, Cassandra, and Derek.*

26 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.

Tammy Dearing - January 26, 2016 at 11:05 AM

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“ Timothy R. Dearing

On behalf of my brothers and sisters, by age oldest to youngest: Terry , Robert, John, me.. Timothy , & Kris, would like to express our condolences to our father, John. And for the 'other' side of his family we are sorry for their loss.

We are the 'other' half of Dad's family .. His first half, actually . His wife, Lillian (our Mom) first had Terry in 1950.. to the youngest, Kris born in 1959. All of us have stayed in touch with Dad from time to time after we found him thru the years. My sister Terry has tried several times reaching out in kindness to our "step" family but no returns.

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I just wanted to say ... that this is a lousy way for his son and family to find out why our Christmas cards came back this last year.

For the record, even though we have distant memories and honestly no connection with Dad or his other family , I would bet he was a good guy . 25 years ago he agreed to meet me for lunch. It was a terrific time for several hours. Like my siblings have told me, those encounters were a one time deal. Each one of us has a story or two to tell about meeting Dad and they all had one thing in common, they were brief. We weren't ashamed of him.. I hope it wasn't the other way around.

In closing, I would like to include the rest of the family that Dad is survived by ; His 3 sons, 2 daughters (mentioned), and 18 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.

May Dad rest in peace. Love, Terry , Rob, John, Tim(Ryan), and Kris

Timothy R Dearing - January 24, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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“ *John Dearing was my Dad too! And Terry's, and Robs and Johns and Kris's!!*

Do you think we forgot him??... like he did us?!?

To the other half of "John's" family in Hopkins, MN... You will never shut me up and I'll do everything in my power to make sure we are heard too... and Dad's past wasnt all that perfect like they try to make it out to be.

Timothy Dearing

Timothy R Dearing - January 24, 2016 at 11:34 AM