



John George Hardner

October 29, 1936 - July 23, 2021

John G. Hardner, 84, passed away July 23, 2021. He was born October 29, 1936 in Erie, PA the sixth of nine children to Rufus and Theresa (Trapp) Hardner.

After graduating from Erie Tech high school he attended Coyne Electrical School in Boston and served in the Army. He graduated from Edinboro University and did postgraduate work at Colgate and SUNY Brockport.

He taught math for 32 years in Lyndonville, NY where he met his wife Emily (Culbertson-Black). He coached wrestling and baseball, chaperoned numerous activities and trips, founded the local chapter of the National Honor Society and negotiated for the teachers' union.

He was instrumental in the founding of the Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union and served on its board for several years.

John knew how to have fun. He was an avid golfer who won many tournaments. He also loved pinochle, chess, woodworking and jazz. He relished travel, especially to historical sites.

He retired from teaching in 1994 and moved to Key West, FL.

For several years he distributed the Miami Herald, The Wall Street Journal and the Keynoter in the lower keys and Key West.

He was predeceased by his parents and his siblings: Lois (John Paradise), Jim, Jerry (Margaret Anne Hardner Churchley) and Tom as well as two sisters-in-law Kay and Trish.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Emily; children Heidi (Bill Humphrey) and Sean; a granddaughter Meagan and her siblings Jordyn and Ian Smith and their mother Kate Hardner. He is also survived by four brothers, Ken (Kay), Tim (Andrea), Jeffrey (Trish), and Chris (Marsha) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

Tribute Wall

HH

“ Thanks everyone for these kind posts. Really appreciate it.

Heidi Hardner - August 07, 2021 at 11:28 AM

BE

“ Emily, Heidi, and Sean - we are deeply sorry for your loss. We will miss John very much. John was always so warm and kind to us. I always felt that he loved every minute that he spent with us when we visited in Key West. He had a way of making you feel welcome and that you were interesting and valued no matter what the subject of conversation or activity. He was laid back, had a great sense of humor, and was always ready to laugh and appreciate whatever it was that was happening at that moment. We have many fond memories of those visits playing dominoes, eating mountains of shrimp, looking at odd coins, hanging out on the back patio and hearing all kinds of great stories. We are grateful for our friendship with John, and your entire family.

Love, Russ, Brenda and Haley



Brenda Everitt - August 01, 2021 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences from the Siebert family. I taught with John and my sons had the pleasure of being math students of this wonderful man. It was a special time at Lyndonville when John was a teacher there. We have lost a number of very special teachers from that time and we are poorer for it. In my teaching career that was by far the best of times. Love to the Hardner family. Bob Siebert

robert siebert - July 30, 2021 at 08:24 AM

DM

“ To the entire Hardner family my deepest condolences. I was lucky enough to have been a colleague of John's at LCS. I will always remember his wry humor, intelligence and dedication to excellence. It was an honor to work with John and a blessing to associate with him. His character was unmatched in virtue! As evidenced by Bill Fischer's comment to me, and I can attest, he never once uttered a profanity during golf. Again, he was joy to be around and will be greatly missed!

Douglas Michalak - July 28, 2021 at 11:09 AM

FT

“ From Seagate CAG DA team purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of John George Hardner.



From Seagate CAG DA team - July 28, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KF

“ So saddened to learn of Mr. Hardner’s passing. To Sean and Heidi, and the entire Hardner clan, I send my deep and sincere condolences. Mr. Hardner was a core member of a cadre of teachers at LCS who not only made teaching their life’s work, but we’re also integral, important members of our small community. Fred Large, John Hayes, Wes Bradley, Jim Feaster, John Hardner ... they not only educated young minds, but they also built character in their students, and made growing up in Lyndonville during their time (1970-90) a very special thing. —Kent Fischer

Kent Fischer - July 27, 2021 at 07:56 PM



Thanks Kent. Let’s not forget to include your dad in that group.

Sean Hardner - July 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM

PH

“ I think the most fun I had with John was playing pinochle around the table outside in his backyard in Key West. He was very good! Also enjoyed playing pool with him and his smiles and good energy.

Paul Humphrey, Longmont, CO

Paul Humphrey - July 27, 2021 at 05:50 PM

FH

A great tribute, Paul!
Dad

F C Humphrey - August 04, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John George Hardner.*



July 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear of John's passing. John was always a kind and wise mentor to me and he was the first to inspire me to be a math teacher. Since he retired and to this day, I have quoted him frequently in both my classes at LCS and in my math classes where I still teach part time at SUNY Brockport. His sense of humor and easy going manner have always been something I have tried to emulate in my career.*

My prayers and condolences to all of the family.

Barry L. Jones

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Barry L. Jones - July 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Neighbor, teacher and friend, John was very good at all three of these. He taught me trig in high school but also taught me golf and pinochle and laughed as he beat me at both games. Many nights spent in the Hardner kitchen in lively conversation with John and Emily. May he rest in peace. Best wishes and heartfelt condolences to Emily, Heidi and Sean from Jim and Becky Boseck.*

Jim Boseck - July 27, 2021 at 08:39 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Hardner was a fun, unique math teacher and to remember him makes me smile. I always looked forward to his class. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Jada Burgess - July 27, 2021 at 07:53 AM

JA

“ *One of my better math teachers... Helped me do first derivatives of calculus in my head without needing to show my work. Others after him didn't realize my understanding of mathematical theory to all of society's detriment. Stories in his class are Legendary! I could only imagine the stories his family has of him. Thanks Jenee for sharing his passing at 4am... Do ignore my banter above. We'll see him again in the Light that shines within us all! Thoughts and prayers to those who knew him better than me.*

Jarett - July 27, 2021 at 03:56 AM

MM

Have great memories of working with John on the Board of Directors of Ontario Shores FCU. A real gentleman.

Marty Miller - July 27, 2021 at 07:44 PM

LD

“ *Mr. Hardner was an excellent math teacher. I had always struggled w/it, from a prior teacher that didn't take the time to help. Your Dad did to ensure I "got it". Sorry to say, it's still not my fav subject but I sure understand it now-all b/c of his patience & kindness. RIP Mr. Hardner.*

Laurie Hill Dunn - July 26, 2021 at 11:26 PM

DJ

“ I enjoyed learning from Mr. Hardner. He was a good teacher and funny too. I learned to love math from taking his geometry class.

Deb James - July 26, 2021 at 10:28 PM

CS

“ Mr Hardner was the quintessential math teacher. He taught us not only that birds and dogs didn't make bird dogs but also that you can't add apples and oranges! He taught me how to read a math book and made me love the subject he pushed all of his students and he was an inspiration for me to go to school to be an engineer! I can not thank him enough for all he did for me and all the other students on Lyndonville! Rest Easy Mr Hardner!

Chantelle (Donald) Sacco - July 26, 2021 at 10:02 PM

PC

“ Mr. Hardner was one of my favorite teachers! He knew how to talk to students and to make math make sense! Such an involved man in many ways! Fly high, you have touched the hearts of many!

Pam Clemens - July 26, 2021 at 09:38 PM

RL

“ Heidi, I've treasured your friendship for almost 35 years and you are one of the smartest, most decent humans I know. I was so glad for the opportunity to meet your parents 2 years ago to see where you got those qualities from.

Your dad was a warm, humorous man and his love for you, Sean, and your mother was so evident.

May his memory be a blessing.

Rich Louie - July 26, 2021 at 08:28 PM

PH

“ *One of the sweetest,kindest people I ever met. Condolences to my family and their friends, Chris Holm*

PETER C HOLM - July 26, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ *Sending virtual hugs and condolences on the passing of your dad. May he Rest In Peace*

Julie Stalker-Paul - July 26, 2021 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ *Heidi, you're fortunate to have had such a great dad, as those of us who had your dad for a teacher were to have him as part of our lives.
My sincere condolences to you and your family.
Dawn*

Dawn Brooks - July 26, 2021 at 07:36 PM

MB

“ *Mr. Hardner was absolutely my favorite teacher. He helped me develop my love of math! I am sorry that I never told him how much he meant to me. Heidi and Sean, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Michele French Brabon - July 26, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Heidi and Sean - I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He was an excellent teacher, and I loved his goofy humor (although he thought that giving me the nickname, “Moley” was hilarious and my pubescent self was not super thrilled about that! 😊). He and I both listened to CBC a lot, and we often would talk about the different shows we heard. I really remember him so fondly, Sean and Heidi. I am thinking of you both.

Molly Swiger - July 26, 2021 at 06:59 PM

HH

“ We can't avoid the "send flowers" button on this page but there's no need to send anything. In lieu of flowers consider sharing a memory - I really appreciate seeing those.

Heidi Hardner - July 26, 2021 at 05:15 PM

HH

“ 2 files added to the album more pictures of John



Heidi Hardner - July 26, 2021 at 05:02 PM

AG

These pictures - how I will always remember your dad! Pre-Algebra, Trig, and just one of those teachers who you knew, wanted you to be successful. One of a kind! I can see him hand poised over the chalkboard, looking back to see if we were with him. Blessings to you and your families.

Anita (Sentiff) Gildea - July 26, 2021 at 09:31 PM

FH

*Great pictures of your dad, Heidi!
Chuck (Bill's dad)*

FC Humphrey - August 04, 2021 at 11:31 PM

HH

“ 1 file added to the album more pictures of John



Heidi Hardner - July 26, 2021 at 04:57 PM

FH

*How old was John on this picture?
Chuck*

FC Humphrey - August 04, 2021 at 11:27 PM

HH

I don't know but I think it's one from the time he spent in Boston in electrician school, maybe soon after high school, not sure.

Heidi Hardner - August 07, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DL

“ *I am very saddened to hear of Mr. Hardner's passing. He was one of my favorite teachers! He actually made math fun and that's not something I say about math! A lot of his students looked up to him, myself included. To all of his family and friends, I am truly sorry for your loss. Prayers to you all.*

Dina Leonard-Narburgh - July 26, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Hardner was my favorite teacher at Lyndonville. I was lucky to have him for four years. He was always willing to go above and beyond what was needed to ensure I got it. I can't tell you how many times he said, "Got that Miss Whipple" and if I didn't he would go over it again. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Julia Whipple Bacon - July 26, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Love you pop- Sean*

Sean Hardner - July 26, 2021 at 02:05 PM