



John Carleton Hofmeister

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John Carleton Hofmeister 83, of Eustis, passed away on August 7, 2012. He was born in Unionville, Michigan and moved to Eustis in 1972. He was a residential and commercial building contractor and a member and Elder of the First Presbyterian church of Eustis. John served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and formerly was an active Private Pilot. He is survived by his wife Barbara, they were married for 53 years. Also surviving are his children; David (Patricia) Hofmeister of Auburn Hills, Detroit, Michigan, Paul K. (Gretel) Hofmeister of Huntsville, Alabama, Tom (Dawn) Hofmeister of Eustis and Rebecca H. (Stoney) Newman of Umatilla, his brother Jack of Ft. Myers, and sister Elaine Bowen of Topeka, Kansas, 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Please direct memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, 117 S. Center Street, Eustis, FL 32726. The family received friends in the Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel on Friday from 5 until 7 PM, memorial services were held in the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis at 11 AM Saturday with Rev. Leon Bloder officiating. The final resting place will be Florida National Cemetery. You may leave your thoughts and messages for the family by opening the guestbook link below



Events


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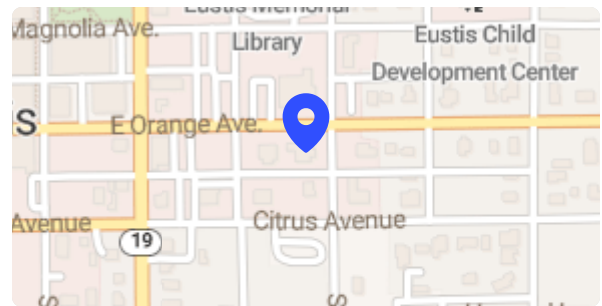
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Visitation

 **Friday**, August 10, 2012

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors Chapel**
326 East Orange Avenue, Eustis FL 32726

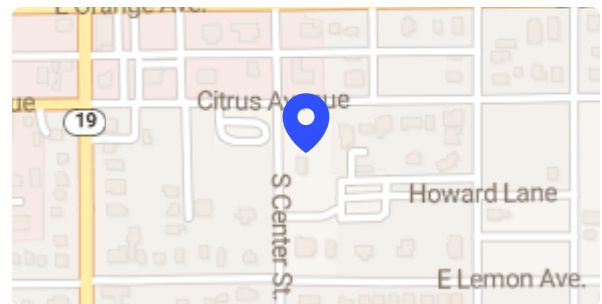


Memorial Ceremony

 **Saturday**, August 11, 2012

 11:00 AM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church of Eustis**
117 S. Center St., Eustis FL 32726





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Anonymous posted:

I just found out about Mr. Hofmeister's passing. My sincerest condolences. I know my Dad treasured discussing things with him in Sunday School 'way back when' I was in the Youth Group with Paul and Tom. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Trish Jordan Boutwell##imported-end##

September 16 at 11:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the best friend I ever had. I wish I could be there but circumstances over-ride that. To Barb his wife and to David, Paul, Tom, and Becky, his children my heart goes out. I'll be home at the end of this month, and will visit his graveside at that time. Achie!##imported-begin##E.H.Achenbach & Erma Mansfield##imported-end##

August 13 at 4:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom & Dawn, Terri and I are so sorry to hear about your loss. Everytime we met him we walked away saying "wow, what a nice man". Not to mention his dedication and desire to be the best at what he does. Something he's passed on to his son. God Bless.##imported-begin##Steve & Terri Mellich##imported-end##

August 13 at 3:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were sorry we couldn't attend the services, but wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, Rick and Lisa##imported-begin##Rick and Lisa Head##imported-end##

August 11 at 12:26 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I can remember first meeting John. Tom introduced me at a job site while he was working. Tom told him a little about me and he moved his glasses to the end of his nose and said, oh yeah? See to John it did not matter what you said about yourself. What mattered was do you do what you say? When you did what you said you were going to do, then you gained his respect. John expected you to do your best and always wanted to find better ways of doing things. He made jigs for different things to help to do a better quality job. He made an adjustable jig to fit in the stair tread to mark out the oak tread. He would cut shims that varied in thickness by a minute amount to shim drywall around windows. John was a good teacher and had the highest respect of the subcontractors. A couple of times there were calls to the office. The individual calling was very concerned because there was an individual in a Hofmeister truck parked in the shade and was not moving. We knew it was lunch time and he just had his lunch and was taking his nap. Yes, he taught us to nap. One day John asked me if I liked Goo Goo? I was a little confused. He explained that his grandchildren would ask for Goo Goo ice cream that he bought at Wal-Mart. Believe it or not a couple of days later he showed up at my house with Goo Goo ice cream for my children. When John knew he had Alzheimer's he started to write down his life history. Each day I would get some of his story that he wrote the night before. I learned that he worked in his dad's hardware store, hitched-hiked around the country, and served in the navy working in the engine room. He flew planes with a friend who flew them to Florida which eventually brought him to live in Florida. I hope you will get to read some of what he wrote. John liked to discuss many subjects such as politics and religion. He liked to listen to talk radio which brought up some interesting discussions. He also challenged me regarding what I believed. I have to admit he had some good points. Most importantly, I know he had a faith in his Savior and I look forward in seeing him again one day and having more discussions with him. Roger Stephan

August 8 at 8:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Hofmeisters, Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. John was one of the greatest gentlemen that we have known and his love of his craft remains with us after all the years in our home. It takes only a glance or thought to see him here. We cherish the memory of him as a builder and the leader of your family. Jean and Suzi H. Jean and Susan Laney

August 10 at 6:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

As a carpet installer apprentice, I had the honor of being under Mr. John's supervision at Matsche Const and then for his own custom homes. A man I've admired more and more over the years. Tom, my prayer filled thoughts go to you and family. Your daddy meant alot to me in the late 70's early 80's. He was a man of great integrity.##imported-begin##Stanley Priester##imported-end##

August 10 at 12:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest and sincerest sympathy's to Ms Barbara, David, Paul, Tom, Dawn & Becky. I am at a loss for words right now, but my heart aches for you all! My prayers are with you all!##imported-begin##Kim Paddock Underwood##imported-end##

August 8 at 8:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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