



## John Albaugh

October 30, 1938 - December 6, 2017

John Charles Albaugh, 79 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, formerly of Upsala, MN passed away on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at his residence. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls, with Pastor Nate Bjorge officiating. Burial will be at Darling Cemetery northwest of Little Falls. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Friday, December 15th and on Saturday from 10 to 11 AM, both at the church.

John Charles Albaugh was Born on October 30, 1938 at St Lukes Hospital Cedar Rapids Iowa. John was the first-born child of Charles Alden and Helen Martha Albaugh.

He is preceeded in death by his parents Charles Alden Albaugh and Helen Martha (Johnson) Albaugh and his only sibling David Alden Albaugh.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years Janette (Oslund) Albaugh. Four children and their spouses John (Chuck) Albaugh & Shannon, Ben Albaugh and Grace, James (Pat) Albaugh and Kari, Susan Knopik and David. 11 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren along with Brother-in-Law and Sister-in-Laws, Cousins, nephews, nieces and countless friends.

Education was always very important to John. He is a graduate of John W.

Hanes High School in Winston Salem, North Carolina, graduating with Honors. A Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Wake Forest University. A Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota and a PhD in Administrative Management from Walden University. He continued learning his entire life, possibly holding the record for the most consecutive semesters of Spanish I at the University of Wisconsin, White Water, (He never gave up).

Work was always a central part of John's life. He started working at a drug store as well as driving a school bus to support his young family while attending Wake Forest University. After graduation, he took a job with Firestone as a District Sales Manager, being promoted to Regional Sales Manager. Due to the heavy travel demands and separation from his family he changed career paths and began his Health Care profession at Saint Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls MN. He went on to become the Executive Director of Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital. Moving to Worthington, Minnesota to become Administrator of the Regional Hospital. His last position was as President and CEO of Fort Atkinson Memorial Health Services at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. He retired as Life Fellow from the American College of HealthCare Executives.

From the very beginning of his adult life, Community Service was a top priority. He worked tirelessly with many service organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, United Way and many more, often serving as a Director and many times as the President of these many organizations. One of his great disappointments was when he had to stop serving at the local Food Shelf this past summer, (He thanked his friend Bonnie for taking over his shifts a few days before his passing).

As a lifelong learner, he developed a great affinity for traveling. He and his wife Janette traveled the globe visiting all 7 Continents, Asia, Europe,

Australia, North and South America, Africa and even Antarctica, and always wanting to learn from the people during these travels. He developed a special bond with the people of southern Mexico and Central America while servicing several Missions to Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras for over 20 years.

He was a man of great Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Wherever he lived he worked with his Church in any position that was needed, from Greeter to Sunday School Teacher to President of the Church Council. He even attended Luther Seminary in St Paul Minnesota so that he could help the Congregations that he was a part of. He and his wife are founding members of Faith Lutheran Church of Little Falls and they were so happy to be a part of that wonderful, thoughtful, caring community where they loved to serve. With the benefit of technology, he was able to read Scriptures to the Congregation on November 26, 2017, he loved being able to give back a little for all the service that his Faith Lutheran family was giving to him and his wife.

John, Dad and Papa John you taught us, inspired us, showed us by example, played with us, laughed with us and loved us. He loved his family and his family loved him. We miss you.

# Cemetery Details

## Darling Cemetery

10815 190th Street  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Gathering

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
303 18th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
[pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org](mailto:pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org)  
<http://faithlutheranlittelfalls.org/>

## Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
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Little Falls, MN 56345  
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## Service

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DEC 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
303 18th Street SE  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Albaugh*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 11, 2017 at 12:07 PM

JK

*Mr. Albaugh, as he will always be known to me, was the President of Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital, later Fort Health Care when I worked there. He was unlike any other administrator I have worked with since. He truly cared for his hospital and his employees. To me, the best thing he did was when he actually took a suggestion several of us Moms had given him and started working on an in house daycare. Kids Konnection was created, and it is still running to this day. Thank you Mr. Albaugh, you will be missed.*

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**Jacque Kutz** - December 13, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *John Albaugh*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ My name is Julius Heckle. John and I were neighbors, and close friends, from seventh grade until college days (in Greensboro), My Dad was transferred to South Carolina at the beginning of my tenth grade year, and John visited me for several weeks that following summer. He and I both married young, and he (with Betty) spent some time one summer (while in college) with my wife and me at a cottage my parents had in Myrtle Beach. When his parents and he returned to Iowa we lost contact, however a number of times in the last 10-15 years I have unsuccessfully tried to locate him....always in Iowa. Yesterday (Dec. 29th) I decided to try something that (unfortunately) has worked in locating several other old friends, and 'googled' obituaries. I am so proud of all that my old friend achieved, and that he found happiness with a wife who was worthy of his love (Betty made a pass at me during the Myrtle Beach visit mentioned above....I never told John). God bless you and your family. Julius (Jay) and Margaret Heckle, Leesville, SC. jayheckle@outlook.com

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**Julius and Margaret Heckle** - December 30, 2017 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of John Albaugh. I will always remember Mr Albaugh, for his kindness and respect he showed, everyone he came in contact with. My special memory of him, is that he would park in furthest parking spot when coming to work, at Fort Healthcare he always came in through the lower level, I along with many others that he came in contact with were always greeted by our first names. He would stop and ask about my family and how I was. We had many wonderful talks. He was truly a caring man and Administrator. Sally Johnson-Schutte.

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**Sally Schutte** - December 16, 2017 at 08:44 AM

WW

“ Will and Kay Wipperfurth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Albaugh.



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**Will and Kay Wipperfurth** - December 14, 2017 at 08:04 AM

KW

“ It was an honor to have worked with John at Fort Memorial Hospital in Fort Atkinson, WI. He was a wonderful leader and friend who taught all of us so very much! His patience and humility were among his marvelous traits as was his ability to learn and retain minute details about every staff member, whether a physician or a housekeeper! He was well loved and respected. I'm sorry we will be unable to attend John's memorial service but want you to know how much we care. Kay Wipperfurth, RN (former VP-Patient Services during John's years at Fort).

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**Kay Wipperfurth** - December 14, 2017 at 07:54 AM

JN

“ While I only had a very short few years to work with John, he was very kind and taught me many life skills. I think of John often and want to thank his family for sharing him with us.

*Janette and family: our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jim and Marie Nelson, Fort Atkinson, WI*

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**James Nelson** - December 13, 2017 at 03:17 PM



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



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December 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John Albaugh.



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December 13, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of John Albaugh.



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December 12, 2017 at 11:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John Albaugh.



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December 12, 2017 at 07:44 PM

BK

“ I got to know John fairly well when his wife Janette was in the care center along with my wife Fran.. He was such a nice easy to talk with fella . we shared lots of interesting conversations with him and was enjoyable having him to visit with daily. Our condolences to Janette and all his family

Bob Koetter - December 11, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 11, 2017 at 10:31 AM

CV

“ Collette And Vern lit a candle in memory of John Albaugh



Collette and Vern - December 09, 2017 at 10:00 PM

KH

“ Our deepest sorrow and prayers go to Janet and family. John was a good man and good neighbor. Rest in peace.  
*Ken and Gloria Hank*

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**Ken and Gloria Hank** - December 09, 2017 at 07:41 AM

KM

“ Our sympathy goes out to Jannette and family. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

*Kim and Brad*



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**Kim Mielke** - December 08, 2017 at 04:29 PM

RL

“ My sympathies to John's family. He was a neighbor, co-worker and friend when I lived in Little Falls. He will be missed.

*Rich Ludwig*

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**Rich Ludwig** - December 08, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, John will be missed you will be in our thoughts and prayers Jerome and Karen

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**Karen Haaland** - December 08, 2017 at 08:20 AM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of John Albaugh*



**Judy Berger** - December 07, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Farewell to a good neighbor. Our condolences to his family. Your loving care was extraordinary! Bev and Dick*

**Bev and Dick Culshaw** - December 07, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of John Albaugh*



**Sandy Nelson** - December 06, 2017 at 07:05 PM



*It was a pleasure to know John and to serve on the Darling Cemetery board with him. He was a very smart and kind man. He will be missed.*

**Sandy Nelson** - December 10, 2017 at 11:21 AM



*Joe and I send our deepest condolences.  
Joe and Wendy (Lemke) Overturf*

**Joe and Wendy Overturf** - December 14, 2017 at 04:21 PM

ES

*John was -- and is -- my best friend. He was Best Man at Jeannie and my marriage, introduced (ran interference for) me to Jeannie on 6 June 1952 in Greensboro, NC, as we completed our eighth grade.*

*He was a man of integrity. Injured almost to death at age 15 (married and living in Winston Salem with Betty -- I had my father (an attorney) negotiate what he owed for inserting two plates in his skull and then he paid off the bill, with no insurance. When his father-in-law died without insurance and his mother-in-law lost her home and everything else, he paid for his mother-in-law's new-born "blue baby" operation at Duke University Hospital to repair a heart valve (the baby died) and then took her in to live with him.*

*He struggled financially -- we had to buy him a pair of shoes for my wedding, but he paid all of his debt to both hospitals, continued his education, ultimately receiving his doctorate, and serving annual missions in South America to help the poor and afflicted. He is my hero, my example, and the world truly has been a better place for his having been here.*

*--Edwin G. Sapp and Ellagene J. Sapp*

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**Edwin G. Sapp** - January 27, 2018 at 02:03 PM