



John Vannewenhizen

March 19, 1928 - December 24, 2010

John Vannewenhizen, 82, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, December 24, 2010, with his wife and children present. The Dey-Florin Funeral Home in St. Joseph has been entrusted with his arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

John is survived by his wife, Jeanne (Claypool) of 61 years; children, John (Lois) Jill (John) and Joan; grandchildren, Adam and Erik; sister, Hilda Burzynski; and by numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces on the east coast and in The Netherlands.

After being a successful business man for many years, John and his wife Jeanne turned to a new page in their life in 1980 and bought a 40 acre fruit farm. He loved every minute of farming and his customers at all the farmer's markets. John and his faithful dog partners did markets for nearly 30 years. He was actively farming and going to markets until two months prior to his death. He will forever be remembered as the "Peach Man."

John enjoyed boating and especially building boats. "We've lost count of the number of canoes and sailboats that he made and sailed over his life time." To add variety, he designed, built, and flew a hovercraft in the early 1970's. John always loved to fly! He earned his pilot's license and owned several airplanes, including one with an open cockpit which he flew with a leather helmet and

goggles.

John was a proud veteran of WWII and requested to be interred in a in a military cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to his military burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan at 2:00 P.M., on Monday, April 25, 2011. We will meet at the entrance for an escort to the service location. The cemetery is outside Battle Creek. Directions and customs are found by Googling Fort Custer.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry.

Previous Events

Burial

APR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fort Custer National Cemetery
15501 Dickman Rd
Augusta, MI 49012