

John Davies

father | friend | philanthropist



S. John Davies Jr.

April 26, 1928 – October 28, 2006

“Do the common things of life in an uncommon way and you will command the attention of the world”.

-George Washington Carver

Celebration of Life
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*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*
– **Natalie Sleeth**

Celebrants
Rev. Gregory D. Stover

Pall Bearers
Ashley Davies Ashley Davies, Jr.
Ian Davies Tom Moran
Brad Carney Michael Carney

Soloist
Mrs. Esther Nam

Accompanist
Song Hun Nam

Music for Gathering Hunter Wade, 2006 WPC Silver Medalist
JingXuan Chang, 2004 WPC Grand Prize Winner

Words of Grace

Greeting

Words of Hope Psalm 23
Ephesians 3:14–21

Solo “Amazing Grace”
Esther Nam

Prayer for God’s Strength

Words About God’s Help John 16:12–22, 33
II Timothy 4:6–8; 17–18

A Time of Tribute Thane Maynard

Moments of Silent Thanksgiving

Solo “The Lord’s Prayer”
Esther Nam

Meditation “Christian’s Hope”

Prayer and Words of Commendation

Benediction

Solo “Thanks for the Memories”
Esther Nam

Postlude

*We have all eternity to celebrate our victories, but only
one short hour before sunset in which to win them.*
– Robert Moffat



John Davies...

FAMILY MAN

John was preceded in death by Shirley - his one true love. They were married for 50 years when she passed away in 2001. His son, Ashley, and daughter, Darla as well as grandchildren, Whitney, Ian, Lauren, Elyse and Ashley, Jr. survive him. A son, John III preceded him in death, in 1990.

“Two most important things in life
are Health and Family”

AS A STUDENT

John treasured the education that he received at Cincinnati Country Day and Walnut Hills High School, although getting it was not easy. Wanting to attend Walnut Hills for his final year, John's father told him that he would be allowed to go only if he were able to get there himself. He spent the year hitchhiking to and from school. John left school at 16 and entered the University of Chicago. Upon his graduation at the age of 19, he became the youngest man ever accepted at Harvard Business School. He was forced to leave after his first year, however, as his father needed him to return home during those war years to help with Bishopric, the family business.

John also has two honorary degrees from Mount St. Joseph and Chatfield College.



AS A BUSINESSMAN

John was a successful businessman. Initially putting himself through school by selling door to door, he was the Fuller Brush Company's top salesman as a teenager. Returning from Harvard Business School in 1949, he began working for Bishopric, the family business.

His father challenged him, during this very unstable economic time, to travel the country and visit all of the 430 breweries then in existence. To most college kids, this would be a dream job! John accepted his challenge with vigor and was able to call on all of them within one year! One benefit of this position was that, at a St. Louis convention, he met the prettiest lady he had ever seen. In 1950, he married Shirley.

John rose through the ranks at Bishopric to become Sales Manager, VP of Sales, President and (in 1976) Chairman of the Board. Bishopric grew dramatically during his tenure. In 1980, John left the day-to-day activity of the company to pursue his philanthropic interests, but remained as Chairman of the Board until his death.

John's keys to success:

- *Horse sense*
- *Character*
- *Vision*
- *Guts*

...and Attitude beats Aptitude 24-7

He served as a member of the YPO (Young Presidents Organization) and later the WPO (World President's Organization) which he was involved with till his death.



AS A PHILANTHROPIST

After the passing of his son John III in 1990, the John & Shirley Davies Foundation was established. Dedicated to helping health, education and arts organizations in the community, it also assisted individuals who could not get help anywhere else.

John was personally involved with many of the charities and individuals that he helped. His passions included the Wellness Community, where the memory of his son motivated him to help other cancer participants fight for recovery. He was a founding board member and continued to serve for 16 years. He and his family visited Africa seven times for photo safaris which is why the Cincinnati Zoo became one of his favorite causes. He was a long-time Board member and gave many of his treasured animal paintings and sculptures to the Zoo for exhibit. His love of children provided inspiration to become a founding member of Camp Stepping Stones. He provided leadership and considerable support to many other worthy causes including the Madisonville Child Care Center, Operation Smile, Work Resource Center, Hope Lodge, Crayons to Computers, Camp Joy, and the World Piano Competition.

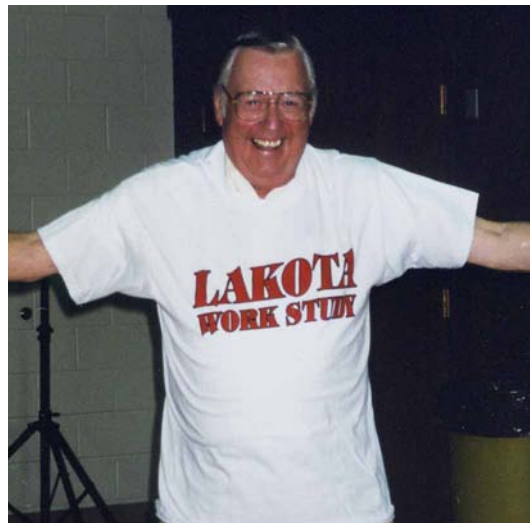
“Money is only important if
you don't have enough of it.”

He loved being involved with children and continued to monitor their individual progress. He has spoken to students in various schools on the importance of reading and education. He saved and supported the reading program at Goshen School, visiting with students then provided incentives to read during the summer. He supported the



“The solutions to the problems
of the world lie in
communication and
education.”





Lakota Work Study Program and personally visited the mentally and physically challenged students each semester. John provided equipment and cash registers for these students to learn work skills to help them obtain employment, self worth, and independence.

John made the lives of two young quadriplegics simpler by purchasing equipped vans, and continued to stay in touch with them through college and into their working lives.

AS A SPORTSMAN

John was passionate about golf. A long-time member of the Camargo Club, he loved to play golf with friends across the country. He spent the winter months playing golf with friends in Longboat Key and Sarasota.

Never straying too far from helping others even in golf, he was a 40-year life member in the Par Club of the Evans Scholars Foundation.



“It is more fun giving money away than making money...”



John enjoyed assisting these young men and women receive a chance at an education that they would not be able to afford on their own.

Through his love of horses, John was able to give generously and innovatively to various area charities. The horses Wellness and Lynn's Vision donated money to the Wellness Community and the horse Christian's Hope benefits a young boy (now 9) who was stricken with cancer of the eye at age three.



“Absultootly!”

“El Goodo!”



“There will come a time when I will have to put back into this life what I am taking out.”





“Yabba Dabba Doo!”



The family of John Davies would like to acknowledge all of his caregivers who are “**angels on earth**”.

Catherine, Cyndi, Bridget, Blanche, Ellen, Randy, Robyn

The staff of Courtyard @ Seasons

And to his Doctors...

Dr. Valle, Dr. Leming, Dr. Corser

Shirl Moran, John’s personal assistant for 14 years, reflects on their relationship...

John,
I am forever grateful that you came into my life. Our 14 year journey together went by in a flash... and what a fulfilling journey it was! You have left me with a lifetime of joyous memories. You are my dear friend, my father-figure, my mentor...my rock. Give Shirley a hug for me...

I love you,
Shirl

John and his family have asked that all donations and memorials be made to the following charities:

THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY

4918 Cooper Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

CINCINNATI ZOO

3400 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

THE WORLD PIANO COMPETITION

441 Vine Street, Suite 1030
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202