



## John A. Haas

November 29, 1936 - October 28, 2018

John A. Haas, 81, passed away from complications with prostate cancer on October 28, 2018. He was a resident of Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs, Florida. John was born in Kansas City, Missouri on November 29, 1936. John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn Haas and his son, Greg (Joanne) Haas. Forever remembered by his 3 grandchildren Lisa (Josh) Buehler, Susan (Mark) Holtkamp, and Jonathan Haas.

Known for his love of golf and his sense of humor John was a member of the Bonita Bay Club and a former member of Coldstream Country Club, Wetherington Country Club, and River's Bend TPC in the Cincinnati, Ohio area.

He graduated in 1959 with a B.S. in Industrial Management from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio.

John retired as President and CEO of Ball Glass Container Corporation in Muncie, Indiana. He was also a past President and CEO of Heekin Can Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served as a director for Simplicity Manufacturing, Comair Holdings Inc., Phoenix Packaging and the National Food Processors Association.

A private memorial service will be held at the Resurrection Garden of the First

Presbyterian Church Bonita Springs where John is a member.

Memorial donations may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, P. O. Box 2168, Bonita Springs, Florida 34133.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Previous Events

## Deliver Flowers By

NOV 5. 9:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs  
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## Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ John A. Haas

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ So many good times and great memories spending time with Greg, Big John and Carolyn over the years. Some of my favorites are from John's and Carolyn's surprise visits to our freshman dorm room at Miami (which required one of us to stall while the other quickly redecorated the walls), and the many Thanksgiving day target shooting, bowling, and tennis and golf matches, usually the boys against the Dads, including the year that Big John and Big Jim tried to psych the boys out by wearing ladies tennis skirts. They made a great show of it during warm-ups and during the first set, and quite an audience gathered to watch them in action and cheer them on. It took Greg and I at least a set or two to recover physically, and many years of therapy to recover mentally. He was even more fun to be with on the golf course even though he was so much better than everyone else. From my brief time at Heekin Can, I can also say that the people who worked for him and with him thought the world of him. Big John was truly one of a kind - a great husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and sportsman. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. (From John Hands)

John Hands - November 02, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ Audrey and Jim Hands purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John A. Haas.



Audrey and Jim Hands - November 02, 2018 at 12:27 PM

FF

“ *From John and Maureen Hands and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John A. Haas.*



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**From John and Maureen Hands and family** - November 02, 2018 at 12:07 PM

“ I was so sad to hear the news of his passing. He was such a wonderful man. So many wonderful memories with he, Mrs. Haas and Greg.



Making wine with the Homechucks (I still have a bottle even though it's probably vinegar by now), and picking and smashing all those grapes. Cook outs with THE BEST EVER corn on the cob from a local corn stand. The time some teen vandals smashed in the window of my dad's car and dad and Johnny took off in Johnny's sports car after them. They thought they were like Starsky and Hutch.

At my wedding they got up and joined my father-in-law and his buddies when they sang Barber Shop. They thought it would be funny to join in. My dad grabbed Johnny to go join the group. I'll never forget the look on their faces (especially Johnny's), when they realized how good they were. They started trying to act as though they could sing, but I could tell they were so embarrassed when it was all over. It was so funny though! Love watching that video.

Or the time the two of them were cocktailing on our back porch when my date came to pick me up. First date, forgot his last name and the two of them told the guy that I didn't know his last name. Dad also told him that I still played with my dolls and that I had a huge Donny Osmond poster on my ceiling and that I would lay on my bed at night and look up and dream about him. (of course that was years ago when I was 10 or 11. Not the dreaming part!). But the two of them just laughed and laughed! They thought they were sooo funny. Of course I laugh about it now and still tell the story, but I was incredibly embarrassed at the time.

The two of them were quite a pair. Always joking around and making each other laugh.

Dad and Johnny would egg each other on. They were two peas in a pod.

Heaven is sure to be filled with their laughter right now.

It was so weird when I went to work at Heekin Can after college. Everyone was on a first name basis. I had to start calling Mr. Haas, who I'd known since I was a child, by his first name. Boy was that

*difficult and felt so strange!*

*He will be sorely missed I know, and my heart goes out to Carolyn, Greg and their families.*

*You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of this great and honorable man. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Sorry for the long post, but he deserved to be remembered for all the wonderful memories he made for me and my family.*

💕 *Conni*

*P.S. I hate cancer!* 😡

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**Conni Neerhof** - November 02, 2018 at 10:53 AM

CN

“ *Conni Neerhof lit a candle in memory of John A. Haas*



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**Conni Neerhof** - November 02, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John A. Haas.*



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November 02, 2018 at 08:12 AM

CS

“ *Condolences from your Class-Mates , Springdale High School Class of 1955.*

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**Class of 1955 Sprngdale High School** - November 02, 2018 at 07:58 AM

JH

“ Jean Teague Hooks lit a candle in memory of John A. Haas



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**Jean Teague Hooks** - November 01, 2018 at 06:38 PM

JH

“ Prayer's for John's family and friends , he was a classmate from Springdale High School., Class of 1955.

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**Jean Teague Hooks** - November 01, 2018 at 06:16 PM

JH

“ Jean Teague Hooks lit a candle in memory of John A. Haas



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**Jean Teague Hooks** - November 01, 2018 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ My condolences and prayers go out to Carolyn and all of John's family and friends. He was a funny, funny man and was a joy to be around. I couldn't wait to play golf with him as it was four hours spent laughing. He will be sadly missed

*Jim Sibert*

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**James Sibert** - November 01, 2018 at 01:37 PM

WG

“ My deepest sympathy to Carolyn and family. Saddened to see the announcement for John today. I worked under John’s leadership at Heekin Can (1988 to 94). Had to pass muster with John on a Fall Saturday in 1987 at their home off of Coldstream CC and appreciated the Hass hospitality. Working around John was a privilege I have never forgotten. Looking back on a very good career I always remark that the Heekin years, while not the longest, were by far the most enjoyable time – significantly credited to John. Plant Christmas parties in Fayetteville Arkansas, Heekin Can Company parties in Cincinnati and golf outings were highlights and rewards for hard work and sometimes long hours – but John, for me, always seemed to make it enjoyable. First time playing golf with John, and his dad, at Coldstream – I birdied the first two holes (I’m not very good) and John’s dad leans over to tell John “the new guy you hired probably doesn’t work that hard.” My normal game came back quickly and I had fun working very hard while I was there and John showed his appreciation. I will miss John and regret not picking up the phone and doing a better job of staying in contact. We lost a really good man.

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**William H. Gerak** - October 31, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John A. Haas.



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October 31, 2018 at 04:08 PM

GH

“ *Greg Haas sent a virtual gift in memory of John A. Haas*



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**Greg Haas** - October 31, 2018 at 02:52 PM

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*He'll always have a big place in our family's hearts.....*

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**Greg Haas** - October 31, 2018 at 02:53 PM

  
Jennifer  
Leigh

“ *We are very sorry to hear this news, my mother sends her prayers and hugs. Such a great friend over the years for my mother. He will be missed.*

*Jennifer Mitsch (Amateis), Carol Amateis and family*

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**Jennifer Leigh** - October 31, 2018 at 12:16 PM

KA

“ *Mrs. Haas, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your husband John was a great friend to my dad and it pleases me to know the memories they made on the golf course were among the very best for my dad. Mr. Haas will certainly be missed.*

*Kimberly Duritsch-Adams*

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**Kimberly Ann Adams** - October 31, 2018 at 08:35 AM

SM

“ *Sandy Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of John A. Haas*



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**Sandy Martin** - October 31, 2018 at 07:41 AM

GH

*A perfect icon for him. Just a few short months ago, he shot his age (81) in golf. I asked if it was for 9 holes, he claimed it was for 18. I then responded that there must have been a "Haas kick" or two involved. This was his famous move to improve his position when a tree was blocking his shot to the green. Not sure he really did this but I enjoyed getting a rise out of him. We had some great laughs on the course. Wish I could play the game with the passion he had.*

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**Greg Haas** - October 31, 2018 at 04:09 PM

SM

“ *John not only had a smile on his face, but he had a smile in his voice. When I talked to him on the phone, I could see the smile. He was always happy and funny and I am Thankful I knew him.. God Bless and run with the Angels until Carolyn gets there.*  
*Sandy Martin*

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**Sandy Martin** - October 30, 2018 at 07:42 PM

BT

“ *So many wonderful years with our families together in Cincinnati! Will never forget the trip to Lake Chapleau in The Canada wilderness! The fish were huge and the mosquitoes were everywhere but our children had fun! Sherwood Forest was unforgettable for our families together. So much fun! Cookouts and parties. Even our dogs, Barney and Bridget had fun. Love you Johnny!*

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**Betty Thornton** - October 30, 2018 at 08:27 AM

GH

*Well said Betty! The fun times in Sherwood Forest and Turpin Hills for the Haas & Thornton family gatherings will provide fond memories forever. You were the best neighbors anyone could have. Ralph and Dad were the closest of friends. We were fortunate to have such great fathers in our lives. Greg*

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**Greg Haas** - October 31, 2018 at 01:13 PM

CN

*He was such a funny guy and he and dad together were two peas in a pod.*

*My memories of that Canada trip were quite different. Fun? Ummm.... the mice running around the cabin at night and then hearing the traps go off. The sound of the mice flip, flopping to their deaths. Boys thought it was cool.*

*Then going swimming only to find leeches stuck to our feet. Yuck! Had to wear our shoes from then on. This prissy girl was not fond of that trip, but Johnny and Dad thought it would be fun to try something new. I can now look back on that trip and laugh.*

*Oh and mom was like 9 months pregnant with Jamie. And our boat broke down trying to make it through the rapids. It started raining and Tim wouldn't stop crying. Good times! 😭*

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**Conni Neerhof** - November 02, 2018 at 10:07 AM

JH

*John Haas was a great guy and always had a smile on his face. I remember a few times when he and I played tennis against my son John and Greg and dressed in drag to throw them off and it worked for a while. We always had fun together, even when he was with Heekin Can and we were selling them coatings we had a special friendship. God bless Carolyn and Greg, they are good people.*

*Jim Hands*

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**James Hands** - November 02, 2018 at 12:16 PM