

## **JOHN ARTHUR FRANTZ, 2/18/2023 – 8/31/2021, OBITUARY**

John Arthur Frantz died at Capitol Lakes retirement community in Madison, WI on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, after a gradual decline in health over the past few years. He was born on February 18, 1923, in Van Wert, Ohio, the fourth child and only son of George Arthur Frantz and Amy Kellogg Frantz. When John was aged 3 his family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he passed his early years, graduating from Park School at age 17.



He attended Haverford College and later University of Rochester School of Medicine, graduating in 1944. During the war years he finished medical school as a US Air Force officer and completed his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He then served in the Air Force at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio in the research laboratory, studying survival of downed airmen under conditions of extreme cold. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at University of Colorado medical school in Denver.

He married Mary Hodge, a fellow medical student, in January of 1946. They practiced medicine together for a few years in Montrose, Colorado and moved briefly to University of Missouri doing student health. They spent the remainder of their medical careers as internists from 1956 to retirement in 2007 at the Monroe Clinic in Monroe Wisconsin. They moved from Monroe to Madison in 2012 to live at Capitol Lakes Continuing Care Community, where they greatly enjoyed the companionship of fellow-residents and the many amenities provided by the wonderful staff.

John was a popular and careful internist throughout his long career, keeping up with the science while never forgetting the art of medicine. In his mid-life he began the habit of writing short informational articles for his patients on common diseases. As the years went on he expanded his writing to all aspects of science and its applicability to society. He compiled a 300 plus page book (“Sustainability”) of his writings for his patients and family, later for interested members of the general public. He continued after retirement with writing and revising the book, personally printing and binding many copies.

John loved being a physician, but was also very enthusiastic about the outdoors, both preserving the environment and enjoying it with his wife and children, whether back-packing in the mountains, kayaking in the Great Lakes, or hiking. He supported many environmental organizations, as well as social justice concerns and the Unitarian-Universalist church. John and Mary and their three youngest daughters, aged 9 to 14, as Peace Corps Volunteers in Afghanistan, teaching medicine.

John and Mary had five daughters: Betsy (1947-1967), Barbara (Brown), b. 1950, Margaret (Soper) (1954-1989), Caroline(Smith) b.1956, and Winifred(Hoffman) b. 1959. He is predeceased by his parents and his three sisters as well as Betsy and Margaret. He is survived by his wife, daughters Barbara Caroline, and Winifred, eleven grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, as well as many nephews and nieces and their descendants.

John repeatedly expressed his wish to donate his body after death to medicine, and accordingly made arrangements many years ago with University of Wisconsin Medical School. A gathering of remembrance will be held Sunday afternoon, October 10th for family and friends. No flowers or gifts, please, but any donations in his honor should be made to Agrace Hospice.