



## Mr. John Pierson Churchill

September 28, 1934 - February 1, 2016

John Pierson Churchill, 81, was born on September 28, 1934 in Syracuse, New York to Jane and Jack Churchill. He had one brother James, who died shortly after childbirth and another brother Jerry, who passed away tragically at the age of 16.

His school years started off slowly! He flunked kindergarten because he refused to play with blocks but then somehow skipped the first grade! He graduated from Onondaga High School. He then graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Forestry. His claim to fame while in college was that Jim Brown (a super star athlete) was his classmate. Then drafted into the United States Army, he was stationed in Yuma, Arizona. He was a weatherman and released balloons into the atmosphere. He always bragged that while he was in the Army no troops invaded Yuma. Then to escape from Yuma, he entered the Pulp and Paper school at NC State University to earn his Master's degree. He lived in a house that still stands today near Meredith College (so very convenient that he lived next to an all-girls school).

After a few internships in Houston, Charleston and Wisconsin he started work at Champion International in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is where he met his wife, Anna Moellers Churchill of 42 years. She preceded him in death in June 2008. He was then transferred to Canton, NC. He worked in Canton until his retirement in 1999. He had been with Champion for 37 years. In retirement, he

did a lot of volunteer work. He tutored children in middle school in math, drove as a fill-in for Meals on Wheels, drove for Call a Ride, and was on the committee for Council on Aging. His claim to fame while driving for Call a Ride was that he drove Dorothy Hart who played Jane in Tarzan (it's true I looked it up).

His favorite movies included 'Shot in the Dark', 'Young Frankenstein' and 'Apple Dumpling Gang'. His first date with Anna was 'Shot in the Dark'. She once mentioned that she was so embarrassed by how much he laughed that she almost didn't go out with him again! It's a good thing she did or Lura and Johnny would have never been born!

He had a great sense of humor, loved puns, loved golf and loved a gin martini! John passed away on February 1, 2016 but he kept his sense of humor up until the end. His last joke on January 30, 2016 was...

Question: How do you catch a polar bear?

Answer: You make a hole in the ice and line it with peas. When the bear goes in to take a pea, you kick him in the ice hole. ☐

The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 PM, Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery with The Reverend Gary Coffey officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the CarePartners Hospice Foundation, PO Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813 or to the Salvation Army, 204 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28805.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

## Graveside Service

FEB 6. 2:30 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Pierson Churchill*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *John Churchill was a delightful person, brimming with intelligence and extraordinary wit. He was also compassionate and caring, demonstrated especially by his activities following retirement.*

*He would find it hilarious that, thanks to him, I will never forget that Don Quixote's true love was Dulcinea. And I will be forever grateful that he voluntarily grated cabbage for slaw so we could all have some dinner, even though cleaning up the mess required quite a bit of time.*

*Lura and John, your father had a heart full of love for you both as well as Anna.*

*Eddie Burnette*

**Eddie Burnette** - February 05, 2016 at 09:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



February 05, 2016 at 06:31 PM

CJ

“ *Lura and John -- Please accept my sincerest condolences on your loss. I admired and respected John as much as anyone that I ever worked with. His intellect, wit, and personality blended to make him one remarkable human being. Needless to say, we will all miss him....Carroll Jones*

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**Carroll Jones** - February 05, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



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February 04, 2016 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Friends in Raleigh purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



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**Friends in Raleigh** - February 04, 2016 at 02:43 PM

LV

“ *Lura and Johnny, please accept my deepest condolences. Memories of John -- who was an angel in our neighborhood for so many years-- will always remain in my heart. What a blessing he was to so many of us-- whether it was a neighbor in need, a child that needed tutoring, a senior citizen waiting for their lunch to be delivered, or even our cat, who adopted John as a surrogate grandfather-- John was always there for us all. He will be greatly missed.*

*Linda Vespereny*

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**Linda Vespereny** - February 04, 2016 at 01:50 PM

TV

“ *John was a superb chemical engineer and had a great and very dry sense of humor. I will always remember his help when we worked together on projects for Champion. My condolences to his family.*

*Tom Vogt*

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**Tom Vogt** - February 04, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



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February 03, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



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February 03, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pierson Churchill.*



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February 03, 2016 at 02:51 PM