



## John Edward Tyler

October 28, 1935 - August 25, 2022

Wantage- John E. Tyler, age 86, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Bentley Assisted Living in Branchville. Born in East Orange to the late Lester and Alice (Laughlin) Tyler, John lived in Livingston before moving to Sussex County in 1964. He had served in the United States Army. Mr. Tyler graduated from Drew University with his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 and received his Master of Arts from William Paterson University in 1969. He was a teacher for the Hardyston School System from 1964 to 1991 and truly enjoyed all of his students. After he retired from teaching in Hardyston in 1991, Mr. Tyler was an adjunct professor at Sussex County Community College. He also owned and operated an antique book business, Colophon Books. Mr. Tyler was an active member of The Church of The Good Shepherd in Wantage, member of the NJEA, and also the SCREA. He was predeceased by his great grandson, Maverick. Mr. Tyler is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Lynn B. Tyler; his three daughters, Gwenyth Tyler of Toussaint, Arizona, Victoria Draughn and her husband Wilburn of New Port Richie, Florida, and Christine Riech and her partner David of Frankford; his brother, Harry Tyler and his wife Julie of Maryland; his former wife, Gail Pendelton of Montague; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461. Friends may pay their respects to the family one hour prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial

donation in John's memory to The Church of the Good Shepherd. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Good Shepherd  
200 State Route 23  
Wantage, NJ 07461

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Mr. Tyler was hands down, my favorite teacher at Hardyston Elementary School. He was my homeroom teacher, school year 1971/72. He made learning so much fun and he truly cared about his students. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My sincerest condolences to his family.*

Adele Capozzoli - February 08 at 08:01 PM

ST

“ *Selective PL Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Edward Tyler.*



Selective PL Team - September 08, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Edward Tyler.*



September 07, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Edward Tyler.*



September 06, 2022 at 10:07 AM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to Johns family, John Tyler was the finest teacher I ever had. I hated school until I had him for a teacher, the work he put into labs was amazing he was my teacher back in 1970 and I can still remember his segments on biomes. Rest In Peace John

Carl Mugavero - September 05, 2022 at 08:49 AM

DW

“ It was my privilege to meet John at The Church Of The Good Shepard. He was a truly inspiring Christian. I was amazed by his commitment to Interfaith Hospital Network and other outreach projects of the church. May God be with his entire family at this sad time. Debbie Wikander



Debbie Wikander - September 04, 2022 at 09:46 PM

KT

“ Mr Tyler always kept learning interesting and fun. Loved the outdoor excursions. I've told many stories over the years about him. One of my favorites was him cutting off his tie mid~experiment because it was in the way! Never doubted how much he loved science and his students

Kelley [Santangelo] Turner - September 04, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MC

“ I will never forget Mr. Tyler. He was certainly one of the best teachers I ever had. I was so incredibly fortunate to learn from him at Hardyston Elementary School. I have so many wonderful memories:

Mr T. would take our class out on the trails up in the hills behind school and my buddies Chris Connolly, Len Riccardi, and I used to jump off the tops of any surface we could find, doing “backscratchers” like we were skiing! Mr. T would just shake his head and smirk. 😂

Mr. Tyler was also responsible for my love of James Bond! He used to show us the trailers for all the movies on days before Holidays.



To this day I still call any box of crayons I encounter A “ROY G. BIV” coloring kit. 😂

He was a truly great educator and I can absolutely say that I grew up a better man for having known him and learned from him. He will always be thought of fondly by me and mine. ❤️

Rest easy Mr. Tyler, thank you for everything. 🙏🚀😊

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**Matthew D. Clements** - September 03, 2022 at 08:12 PM

RB

“ I hardly remember any of my teachers from the late 60's at the Hardyston school but Mr Tyler was certainly one of my favorites. To this day I still talk about how he use to ice skate with us at a local pond after school and weekends.

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**Ron Banta** - September 03, 2022 at 03:19 PM

SL

“ I’m sorry I will not be able to attend the memorial as I will be out of state that day but I wanted to share my sincere condolences with the family on their loss of Mr Tyler . I think most Hardyston students , when asked who one of their most influential teachers was, it would be John Tyler . Mr Tyler not only taught his students but made made lifelong impact on their lives. He was funny and smart and creative in his teaching and gave his students the opportunity to express themselves and grow. He was truly a legendary teacher that even now , 35 years after I sat in his classroom, I can say , I think fondly of him .

Shannon (Rembish) LoBue - September 03, 2022 at 11:45 AM

Anne Riha

“ One of the best teachers I ever had. Mr. Tyler made learning fun. Lots of outdoor lab experiences. And who could forget his famous reels of black and white science fiction B movie outtakes. He inspired a lot of students.

Anne Riha - September 02, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ Mr. Tyler was one of my favorite teachers in middle school. So many memories. He made such and impact on so many people. May he rest in peace.

Natalie Perez - September 01, 2022 at 08:25 PM

MC

“ RIP Mr. Tyler. You were a wonderful teacher that impacted so many. We all still talk about you with great fondness.

Michael Cox - September 01, 2022 at 08:15 PM

SL

“ I have great memories of Mr. Tyler from AV club, track( especially giving out the cleats to those of us who couldn't afford them! ). Last but not least the Star Trek clips! You don't really realize how important certain teachers were to you until after the fact. He was definitely one of the great ones. RIP.

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**Steve Line** - September 01, 2022 at 05:51 PM

SG

“ Mr. Tyler was one of my favorite teachers ever! I learned so much from him, and being in his classroom was always fun and enlightening. And let's not forget his Star Trek blooper reel! I went into teaching myself, and he was one of the reasons for that. Know that his influence has reached many, many people. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. - Susan Ackerson, now Susan Gable

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**Susan Gable** - September 01, 2022 at 04:45 PM

JK

“ Mr Tyler was perhaps one of the most influential teachers I have ever had. His love of science was beyond compare. His collection of just about everything at Hardyston school cannot even be described. He was by far one of my favorite teachers of my educational career.

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**Jeffrey Korger** - August 31, 2022 at 09:22 PM

NJ

“ So very sad - definitely one of the most memorable teachers in my life. Rest in Peace and sending prayers to your family and loved ones.

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**Noel Johns** - August 31, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ Mr. Tyler you were the BEST teacher I had while at Hardyston Elementary. You will be missed! RIP. Go Warthogs.

Tammy Travers - August 31, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of this man. Truly the greatest teacher in the history of education, brightening and inspiring the lives of so many of us at Hardyston Elementary. A mentor and a friend, he was the reason I became an engineer. The Electrical Engineering books he gave me when I graduated are still on my desk. His unique and electrifying methods in the classroom along with his moving and powerful persona excited us and motivated us to not only perform, but to be better people. His “Words of the Day”, Hart - Pentimone to the Turkey Farm, “Go Wart Hogs” ... I will never forget this man and the teachings he has instilled in me. Thank you, Mr. Tyler for everything you gave us. I'll Always Remember To Wire A Head...

Wart Hogs for Life!



Edward Hart - August 31, 2022 at 10:14 AM

TV

“ *RIP John...glad to have worked with you.*  
*-Rev. Thomas D. Vance*

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**thomas vance** - August 31, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JB

“ *Mr Tyler was my eighth grade teacher and I remember him excited to take his children to see the band KISS. He later became my friend as well as my mother Marian Baker. Their church was always welcoming and loving. My deepest and most sincere condolences to the entire family and all who mourn his loss. It's a GREAT LOSS. This world was better for him having been in it.*

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**Janet Baker** - August 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM

DP

“ *I always looked forward to talking about books with John. He had such a ready smile and laugh.*

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**Donna P.** - August 30, 2022 at 04:19 PM