



John Lance, Jr.

June 7, 1925 - June 23, 2022

John Lance, Jr., 97, of 1623 Melinda Drive, Altavista passed away with dignity and grace on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at his home. He was the loving husband of the late Geneva Marguerite Nylander Lance.

He was born June 7, 1925 in Dansville, MI, a son of the late John Baker Lance and Vera Lockwood Lance. He was the past owner/operator of Lance Tool and Manufacturing Inc., and John was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War. After which he finished his education at Michigan State and Michigan Tech College. He started his career at Universal Electric Company as a plant engineer in 1956 and finished as plant manager in 1980 in Altavista. Then started a family business, Lance Tool & Manufacturing, with son John Lance, III until closing in 2021. John was passionate about growing flowers and roses which was taught to him by his mother as a young boy.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Allan Lance and his wife, Nancy of Altavista and Larry Maurice Lance of Roanoke; three daughters, Deborah Kay Lance of Lynchburg, Rebecca Lynn Noel of Monroe, and Pam Hissam and her husband, Samuel of Hurt; three brothers, Jack, Basil, and Russell Lance; eight grandchildren, John IV, Eric, Matthew, Brandon, Mandy, Margaret, Tara and Paul; two great grandchildren, Ashley and Zackery.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert,

Donald and Arther; and two sisters, Ellenor and Annie Mae.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 27, 2022 at Green Hill Cemetery by Rev. Carlton Gunter with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family would like to thank Vivian Farmer and her staff for their loving care during John's final days.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Our sincere Condolences are extended to the Lance family.

Tim Stern - June 27, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ We offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lance, and especially to Pam and Sam. Pam is the loving and caring nurse at our day center.. We wish you all peace in your time of grief. Love, Your friends at Bedford Adult Day Center.

Carla Groff - June 27, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ Thinking of each and every one the members of the Lance family with love and sympathy.

♥ The Freeman Family has always loved and appreciated your family and were blessed to have you as neighbors for so many decades. When I was in 5th grade and had to learn the states and capitals, the capital of Michigan was always easy for me to remember because I knew the Lances were from there. Blessings to you as you grieve a very special man.



Anita Freeman - Phillips - June 26, 2022 at 02:58 PM

RC

“ *Our sincere Condolences to the Lance family.*



Ray and Kay Caldwell - June 25, 2022 at 12:54 PM

MS

“ *Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of John Lance, Jr.*



Martha Shelton - June 25, 2022 at 02:00 AM

BC

“ *Butch And Glenna W Carr lit a candle in memory of John Lance, Jr.*



Butch and Glenna W Carr - June 24, 2022 at 07:34 PM

KC

“ *I enjoyed seeing John's beautiful lilies in the spring. One year he gave me one but then clarified that it was a loan and I should return it when it quit blooming! I know that he loved his lilies.*

I wish the best for his family in this time of sorrow.

Katie Carrigan

k carrigan - June 24, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort to John's family. I remember him fondly as plant manager at Universal Electric. May he rest in peace.*

Janet Thurman - June 24, 2022 at 05:28 PM