



## John R. Gessner

April 26, 1934 - July 24, 2023

John R. Gessner, 89, of Fond du Lac, died on Monday, July 24, 2023, at Hospice Home of Hope.

He was born on April 26, 1934, in Sheboygan, WI, the son of Hugo and Edna Heinecke Gessner. He was a graduate of Central High School, Sheboygan, Class of 1952. He received a Mechanical Engineering Degree from General Motors Institute in 1957. On August 24, 1963, he married Patricia L. Dossett, in San Diego, California. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2008.

John was a man of faith and an active member at Hope Lutheran Church. Over the years he sang in the choir and served in many leadership roles. John had an interesting career that led him across the country working for AC Spark Plug, General Dynamics, McDonnell Aircraft, Mercury Marine and Kohler Generators.

John was a man dedicated to his family. He enjoyed spending time with his extended family and his children: Ann (Brad) Vargas of Cumming, Georgia, and James (Michelle) Gessner of Tigard, Oregon. He had a special soft spot for his two grandsons: Kyle (Sarah) Vargas and Jacob Vargas. He leaves behind his sister Barbara Gessner of Madison, Wisconsin, and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Patricia.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends from 10:00 – 11:00 AM, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Hope Lutheran Church, 270 Vincent Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August

26, 2023, at Hope Lutheran Church, with Rev. Phillip Enderle officiating.  
Inurnment to follow at Estabrooks Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.  
In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Gideons International or a charity  
of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Estabrooks Cemetery

Esterbrook Road  
Fond du Lac, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church  
260 Vincent St  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We feel so fortunate to have been part of John’s extended family. Our connection began when our children married as part of a cruise and we repeated the memories on a 5th anniversary cruise. We helped surprise him for his 80 th birthday. He toured us to so many wonderful sights in his part of the country. Always a fountain of knowledge and a quick memory, generous and kind. We will miss him.

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**Priscilla and Rudy Barrilleaux** - July 31, 2023 at 01:18 PM

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*Jim and Ann, sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I have many good memories playing board games at the dining room table, although of course Jim usually won. He was a good man and raised good kids! I miss you all!*  
*Debbie Randall*

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**Debbie Randall** - July 31, 2023 at 10:36 PM