



Dr. John Archer Hughes

February 17, 1942 - June 23, 2023

John Archer Hughes, 81, went to be with the Lord on June 23, 2023. He loved living, learning, traveling, and being a dentist. He was devoted to his family and to his faith.

John was born to Marjorie Cleveland Hughes and John Gentry Hughes in Atlanta, Georgia on February 17, 1942. He loved to visit his grandparents in Fort Valley where they grew peaches. He was industrious, curious, and enjoyed building and fixing things. He attended Murphy High School, and then Baylor University from 1960-1962. He went to Georgia State from 1962-1965, and then in 1968, he earned his Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee Dental College in the good company of some fellow students who became life-long friends.

John practiced dentistry for close to 50 years. He was a member of dental organizations and pursued continuing education in orthodontics, TMJ, implants, cosmetic dentistry, and cranio-osteopathy. He was President of the Atlanta Craniomandibular Society. He was also a Fellow in both the Academy of General Dentistry and the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics. He was so fortunate to have long-term, supportive, and loyal office staff members.

John's family was of utmost importance to him. He and his wife Jean enjoyed

creating their life together, especially living on the lake in Conyers. They supported their children and grandchildren with focus and generosity: attending music programs, soccer games, college events, and many performances. John's generosity extended to his patients, his colleagues, his friends, and people in need. He helped people cover their dental costs to get the care they needed. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Forest Park. He volunteered his time and dental skills to clinics in the Atlanta area and Peachtree City, and he served on mission trips to Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

John was a stalwart Christian who lived his faith. He led family devotions. He grew up in White Oak Hills Baptist Church, attended Second Baptist Church in Memphis, was a member of Heritage Hills Baptist Church, then Conyers First United Methodist Church, and most recently Monroe First United Methodist Church. He served as a leader in these churches, but one of the most transformative ministries for him was the Kairos Prison Ministry. One of his friends said he was the biggest spokesperson for the Kairos Ministry. He shared his faith with many people, and the connections he made ministered to him in return. He also participated in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and supported One Heart Ministries with his leadership and gifts.

An avid reader, John read the Bible first and then everything else. He had so many interests: theology, spirituality, alternative medicine, self-development, physics, nutrition, sustainable architecture, and Christian mysticism. He was always interested in cutting-edge ideas and innovation. He was committed to helping others with his wealth of knowledge. He loved adventures and traveling. He enjoyed kayaking, hiking, caving, whitewater rafting, fishing, deer hunting, home projects, and traveling. He took his family to see so much of the United States, and he loved taking his grandchildren on beach trips. Some of his favorite trips included rafting on the Colorado River and trips with his wife to Australia, Greece, Hawaii, and the Holy Land. One highlight was the

bicycle ride down the mountain of Haleakala 3 times, and the third time was on their 45th anniversary.

John is survived by his wife, Martha Jean Hughes; his children, Joy Hughes (Tom Kilby), Joni McCulloch (Russell), John C. Hughes (Megan); his grandchildren Ella Stevens, Jenna McCulloch, Michael McCulloch, and Elijah Hughes; his brother, Bill Hughes (Nancy); his sister Cheryl Jennings, and his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his son-in-law Kurt Stevens. John also loved dogs, and he is survived by his yellow lab, Jack.

The family would like to thank John's doctors, nurses, and all who helped him in his health journey of the last two years, especially Morgan Medical Center and Bridgeway Hospice. They are also grateful to Sheldon Landy for the final sermon and prayers over John and his family and to Randy Byrd and Jim Meunier for their help with the service.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 am, Monday, June 26, 2023 at Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, Georgia, 30012. The visitation will be just before the service from 10:00-11:00 am at Scot Ward. A lunch will follow at the Conyers First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 921 North Main Street, 30012. After the lunch, the entombment will be at Caldwell and Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, Covington, Georgia 30014. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Bigger Vision Shelter, 95 North Avenue, Athens, GA 30601 or to a church or charity of your choice.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

1215 Access Road
Covington, GA 30014

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

JUN 26. 11:30 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Dr. John Archer Hughes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 26, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DE

“ *I woke up thinking of Dr. Hughes this morning because, even though he retired years ago, he was an amazing and knowledgeable dentist, and I was hoping to ask him a dental question! I'm saddened to find his obituary. He was the most entertaining dentist ever, as he would tell a joke or two and sing a little song or hum a tune while providing the best dental care possible! I enjoyed seeing family photos at the checkout desk, although Joni is the only family I had met as a fellow art educator. I can see that Dr. Hughes left this world to be with Jesus more than a year ago, but I still want to express my sympathy to the family for your loss.*

How blessed you all were to have him; he was very proud of you!

Dottie Eskew

Dottie Eskew - September 07, 2024 at 08:11 AM

LE

“ *Dr Hughs was such a sweet man, he came to the Italian Oven and Bobby and myself got to know him very well. I realized today that I hadn't seen him in a while and asked a fellow dentist who let me know of his passing. He really was the kindest and sweetest man always smiling and sharing a hug and a story with me. He will be truly missed may he rest in peace and comfort and bless his sweet wife as well.*

Liz Elam -Manager at the Italian Oven

Liz Elam - May 31, 2024 at 05:56 PM

HP

“ *Dr. John, my sister and I were just thinking about you. I google searched and saw that you just passed away. I am so sad I didn't get to tell you how much I loved you and Mrs. Jean and the impact you had on my life as your patient. I am now fifty years old and have had a beautiful smile since I was thirteen years old because of your help and care. My mom couldn't afford much because my father had died and she was doing the best she could on a teacher's income. That beautiful smile has served me well as a music teacher, performer, and worship leader. I know you would have been so happy to know that I recently went to Ireland to do two concerts and share the love of Jesus. Thank you for leaning into the calling on your life to serve God and your fellow man. You made a difference in my life. Until we meet on the other side of eternity! Mrs. Heather Petero (Flynt)*

Heather Petero - August 02, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JK

“ Dr.Hughes will be missed. After working working with him for so many years I think of him often and all the things he used to tell us. He was always a perfectionist and expected that in all of us. Quite often he would tell me “We will be friends forever “ Go rest high Dr. Hughes Sending love to all the family

Julia Kinsler - June 27, 2023 at 07:44 PM



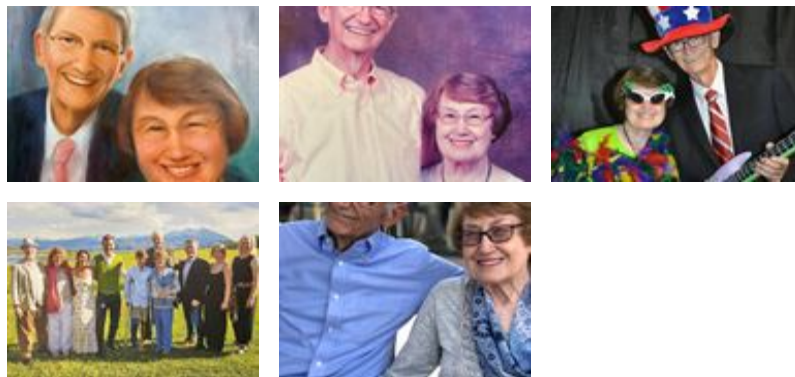
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John Archer Hughes.



June 26, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 25, 2023 at 03:05 PM

DJ

John was a wonderful man and a friend to all. God loved him and he returned that love in his many acts of Christian ministry.

Don J Joiner - June 25, 2023 at 04:40 PM

CT

“ Christina T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Archer Hughes.

Christina T. - June 25, 2023 at 06:57 AM

TK

“ So sorry to hear of John passing. I worked a number of Kairos weekends at Hancock State Prison. John was a friend to all and a gentleman in his faith and his love for our Lord. I will miss our conversations about faith, family and winning soles for the Kingdom. Praise God his body is whole and he has received his eternal reward.

Tom Kibler - June 24, 2023 at 08:39 PM

CD

“ John was a great friend to our family for so many years (along with Jean), and a blessing to know. I will remember his kindness and faithfulness!



Connie Dunbar - June 24, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. John Archer Hughes.



June 24, 2023 at 06:19 PM

BG

“ John was a great and loyal member of our Kairos Prison Ministry team, as well as a friend of all of us. He was interested in many things, a very good natured and friendly gentleman. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.
Bill Goodman

Bill Goodman - June 24, 2023 at 04:35 PM

DT

“ Darren, Becky and Thomas Taylor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. John Archer Hughes.



Darren, Becky and Thomas Taylor - June 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM