



## Dr. John Hendrik Vermeulen

January 14, 1926 - April 20, 2013

VERMEULEN Dr. Johannes "John" Hendrikus Vermeulen, age 87 of Columbus, Ohio died peacefully Saturday, April 20, 2013 at home surrounded by family. He is preceded in death by his father, Johannes Wilhelmus Vermeulen and his mother Cornelia Francisca (Zijlvaart) Vermeulen, both of Arnhem, the Netherlands. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marie Louise "Rita" (Fermin) Vermeulen; daughter, Louisa (Gerald) Price; son, John (Marie) Vermeulen; daughter, Marjorie (Thomas) Neidecker ; daughter Marita (Franz) Kabelka; grandchildren Anneke Price, Jessica (Samuel) Ferrel, Jason Brown, Maryke Vermeulen, Marita (Kyle) Wilson, Derek, Peter, and Elise Neidecker, and Karl Franz and Johannes Kabelka; brothers Theodorus Vermeulen, Gerardus Vermeulen, Hendrikus Vermeulen and their families. Born and raised in Indonesia, he was a survivor of World War II and a Japanese internment camp on Java. His family returned to the Netherlands where he studied medicine at the University of Utrecht. John emigrated from the Netherlands to the United States with his wife Rita in 1957. He completed his internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia and completed a residency in psychiatry at The Ohio State University Hospitals. He dedicated his professional career to serving the mentally ill and prisoners in Ohio's correctional facilities where he served as the commissioner of the division of forensic psychiatry in the State Department of Mental Health for many years. John was a loving father and husband with a keen sense of humor and reputation for his relaxed demeanor. He spent much of his free time

gardening, reading, and listening to his favorite big band and jazz music. He cherished his walks at Innis Woods with his wife Rita and hearing his son's big band and combos perform. Friends may call at SOUTHWICK-GOOD & FORTKAMP FUNERAL CHAPEL, 3100 N. High St. Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. where prayer service will follow at 1:00 p.m. Inurnment immediately following service at Blendon Central Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Central Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. [www.southwickfuneral.com](http://www.southwickfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to John and family.*

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“ *(Ron Kenreich just called me to tell me of your sad news.) My husband and I hope that all of your wonderful memories sustain you during your time of sorrow. With much sympathy, Joyce (& Jon) Stonebraker*

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**Joyce Stonebraker** - April 23, 2013 at 11:05 AM