



## John Allan Rhea

October 25, 1936 - April 6, 2016

John Allan Rhea, 79, of Woodstock, Virginia, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Consulate Healthcare in Woodstock. He was born October 25, 1936 in Urbana, Illinois and was the son of the late Walter and Vida (Traeger) Rhea.

Mr. Rhea was an accomplished journalist, editor, and author. He graduated from Paw Paw High School and the University of Illinois and was president of Sigma Tau Gamma, and a member of the journalism fraternity Sigma Delta Chi. He was a member of several Unitarian Universalist Churches, the Washington Press Club, National Association of Science Writers, Society of Professional Journalists, the Sierra Club, and the Edinburg Senior Citizens Center.

After covering many of the early space program launches out of Florida in the 1960s, and reporting for a variety of military, space, and electronics publications on both coasts, he created the Washington Communications Service in the 1970s and worked under that name until he retired.

Mr. Rhea is survived by his three daughters, Christine Barbara Rhea of Albany, OR, Nancie Rhea Turner and husband Kenneth of Alexandria, VA, and Patricia Lois Rhea and husband Geoff Manikin of Laurel, MD; one brother, James Edwin Rhea and wife Linda of Kansas City, MO; two

grandchildren, Samantha Manikin-Rhea and Haley Manikin-Rhea. In addition to his parents, Mr. Rhea was predeceased by his son, Capt. Samuel George Rhea, and his sister, Lois Margaret Rhea.

Mr. Rhea lived in many areas of the country and traveled extensively and was most at home in Woodstock, VA. He was quite the eclectic person. As an avid reader he could discuss any topic ranging from baseball to astrophysics. His interest in music varied from Opera to Bluegrass.

The family will receive friends at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 235 S. Main Street, Woodstock on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 4 to 6 pm; eulogy and sharing of memories at 5 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his favorite organizations: The Woodstock Museum or the Sierra Club.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
235 S. Main Street  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Allan Rhea*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *John Allan Rhea*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



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**Chris Rhea** - April 22, 2016 at 07:42 PM



*I only saw him in his latter years. It's nice to see pictures of him when he was more vibrant.*

**Ken Turner** - April 24, 2016 at 06:17 AM



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**Nancie Turner** - April 21, 2016 at 12:25 PM

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