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Dr. John C. Schug

March 31, 1936 - May 23, 2019

Professor Emeritus Dr. John C. Schug, 83, died Thursday, May 23, 2019. He was born on March 31, 1936.

Dr. Schug was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He taught chemistry at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA for 37 years. John was an excellent horseman and enjoyed mounted fox hunting and dressage. He played bridge with the American Contract Bridge League and was a writer, poet, and artist.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Schug; 2 sons; 2 daughters; 6 grandsons; a step-granddaughter; a step-great-granddaughter; 2 sisters; a twin brother; and many loved family members.

A funeral Mass will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2019 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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I knew Dr. John Schug while pursuing my Ph.D. in Chemistry at Virginia Tech. He was a difficult teacher and took his time to answr any questions during his Quantum Mechanics course. A quiet person by nature, and difficult to know. I had no idea he was interested in fox hunting which most of us would find revolting. We, as graduate students, knew absolutely nothing about any hobbies, artistic ability, etc. that Dr. Schug had. We only knew him as a disciplined unyielding Chemistry Professor. Having just returned from Vietnam, he really did not want to hear anything about returning Vietnam Vets. I was happy to pass is course and move on in my graduate studies. Douglas S. Shearer, Ph.D., M.D.

—Dr. Douglas S. Shearer