



John Frank Bullough

April 26, 2020

John Frank Bullough, 91, of Pompton Plains, formerly of Teaneck, NJ
John was born to Mabel (McCalip) and John Bullough on October 15, 1928 in Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Washington University and Union Theological Seminary (SSM '58), where he pursued his love for music and became an accomplished singer, organist, composer and conductor. John retired as a professor of music at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1994, after a 45-year teaching career. He was organist and choirmaster at Saint Paul's Church in Englewood, NJ for 22 years, and later served as interim choir director at Grace Church in Nyack, NY, and Second Reformed Church in Hackensack, NJ. Throughout his career, John was active with the American Guild of Organists. He also conducted the Bergen Chorale and served as Chairman of the Board of Managers of the John R. Rodland Music Scholarship Fund.

John loved the beach (especially Ocean City, NJ and Long Beach Island) and spending time with his wife, Dorothy, at their second home in New London, NH. He had a passion for the arts and especially enjoyed listening to his impressive collection of classical music CDs. Passersby were often curious about the symphonic sounds escaping from his Teaneck home. A dramatic and beloved conductor, John was known to slam down the piano cover or conduct backwards for effect during a less than satisfactory choir rehearsal. He loved to sail, travel, read (multiple books at a time) and complete the New York Times crossword puzzle. Along with his family, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church held a special place in his heart.

John was predeceased by the love of his life, Dorothy Bullough (nee Baines) in 2008. They were married for 57 years. He is survived by his three children, John Jr. (wife Barbara), Verona, NJ; Lynn Bullough Lazar (husband David) Wayne, NJ; and Patricia Bullough, Pompton Lakes, NJ; and two granddaughters, Morgan Lazar and Alexandra Lazar.

A memorial service will be scheduled in the future.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Saint Paul's Music Endowment c/o Mark Trautman, Director of Music, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631

Comments



“ RIP...I'm very sorry to have learned that Prof. John Bullough passed away on April 26th at the age of 91. The cause of death was Covid-19. Fortunately, the virus took him very quickly, one day after he was diagnosed. For the last ten years or so he resided in an assisted living center, and we know how deadly those places are at present. In a teaching career of more than forty years, he spent the last thirty of those years on the faculty of the Teaneck Campus of FDU where he taught music history, music theory (I studied both subjects with him) and directed the university chorus and select choir. I was with him in both ensembles all four years of undergraduate school starting in 1964, the year he and I both began our association with FDU. I was also a ringer in two large (non-college) choirs he directed. With my life-long love affair with barbershop harmony in mind, Bullough's greatest contribution to me was this: He introduced me to barbershop and to the barbershop harmony society, the world's largest singing organization with 20,000 members. He encouraged me to join the society which I did fifty-two years ago this month. I'm still at it. I have known the entire Bullough family since 1964. Pre-deceased by his wife, the professor is survived by three children and two grandchildren. Of course, my deepest condolences are theirs. Prof. Bullough was a wonderful person, so easy to be with and to like, and a terrific teacher with deep knowledge of music. I'm glad we were in each other's lives for such a long, long time.

Mark H. Axelrod

Mark H. Axelrod - May 20 at 11:17 AM



“ Have so many wonderful memories of John. So sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathies go out to all of the Bullough family.

Deena - April 30 at 06:01 PM



“ I remember John sitting on the porch at Maple Grove, just having a grand time, visiting, singing and laughing! I will always be grateful for the time I was blessed to be in his company. Singin and playin with the angel chior I'm sure! Love, Carroll (Cuz)

Mary Carroll Brandt - April 29 at 09:33 PM