

John Gahley – BS 1962 Pharmacy

John (Jack) Miller Gahley, 84, died on January 28, 2024, in Fargo, ND. He was born June 27, 1939, to Elmer and Eunice Gahley in Browning, MT. Jack graduated from Bismarck High School in 1957 and received his Doctor of Pharmacy from NDSU in Fargo in 1962.

Jack married Judith Freeman on December 28, 1963, in Bismarck, ND. They lived in Oregon, Minnesota, and North Dakota. In May 1970 Jack and Judy purchased Sigurdson Drug in Bottineau, ND and renamed it J & J Drug. They owned it for 17 years.

They were blessed with two children, Elizabeth and John Deane.

Jack served on the Board of Directors of the Bottineau Winter Park; President of the Bottineau Chamber of Commerce and Bottineau Country Club and was a Bottineau City Councilman and a member of the ND State Pharmaceutical Assn.

Jack married Carol (Hagen) Wurgler on July 7, 1984, and moved to Fargo in 1985. He started Pharmacy Relief Services working at Thrifty Drug, West Fargo Drug, Casselton Drug, and Meritcare Care in Moorhead. He worked as the Pharmacist in Charge at Pamida Pharmacy in Detroit Lakes and then as a staff pharmacist at MedCenter One in Bismarck. Jack started working as Corporate Relief Pharmacist for White Drug in 2001. In 2003, he was transferred to Fargo to work in their North Dakota and Minnesota pharmacies. In 2012, he achieved 50 years of practice in pharmacy and earned a lifetime ND certificate. He worked 52 years as a Pharmacist and held licenses in Wyoming, Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Jack enjoyed history, photography, old west trails, traveling in the RV, motorcycling, fishing and hunting. He restored many antique cars throughout the years. He shared many camping trips with trusty companions, Dusty and Bailey, his cocker spaniels.

He is survived by his Wife-Carol Gahley, Moorhead, MN; Children-Elizabeth (Jerry) Fischer, Willmar, MN; Brad (Angie) Wurgler, Ottertail, MN; Karolee (Steve) Ondracek, Valley City, ND; Chad (Becca) Wurgler, Crystal, MN; Seven Grandchildren: Sydney (Andrew) Johnson; Sean (Niki) Wurgler; Emily (Omar) McDonald; Dalton Ondracek and special friend, Alli Davis; Alexis Ondracek and fiancé Seth Hanson; Grace and Claire Wurgler; One Great Granddaughter - Charlotte McDonald; Sister - Ann (Steve) Ashley; Niece - Dr. Lynn Ashley; Nephew - Col. James Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother, Elmer and Eunice, and Son, John.