

Dr. John Scott "Jack" Fulcher, 98, of Hopewell Township, near West Middletown, passed away Monday, January 9, 2017, in Elverson.

He was born August 8, 1918, in Washington, D.C., a son of the late Dr. Gordon Scott and Louise Morgan Fulcher.

Dr. Fulcher was a 1935 graduate of Evanston Township High School, Evanston, Ill. In 1939, he received a bachelor of arts degree in math and physics from Denison University, Granville, Ohio. In 1942, he earned his doctor of psychology degree from Columbia University, New York, N.Y. He also graduated from Washington School of Psychiatry. During his college years, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa for scholastic accomplishment, received the Sigma Xi Academic Award for achievement in the sciences, was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and coached the Denison University tennis team.

He served four years in the U.S. Army during World War II as a first lieutenant in the Adjutant General Department. He then transferred to the Pentagon for assignment to administer specialized training for the U.S. Army Special Training Program.

He taught psychology for several years at Ohio Wesleyan University, Brown University and Beloit College before serving as an assessment psychologist for 19 years with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., where he was also a Rorschach specialist. He then became chief clinical psychologist for the Centerville Clinics, in Centerville, for 10 years before his retirement in 1981.

Dr. Fulcher was a lifetime member of American Association for the Advancement of Science, a charter member of American Psychological Society, a member of MENSA Society and American Legion, Bert C. Siders Post 643 of Avella.

At the age of 52, Dr. Fulcher accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He considered that to be the most important decision of his entire life. He believed all his professional accomplishments paled in comparison to the joy of knowing and serving the Lord he loved.

In 1981, Dr. Fulcher helped establish a new church in Wellsburg, W.Va. He wrote the church constitution and by-laws under direction of Pastor Robert McGill. Most recently, he was a member of Friendship Community Church of Washington.

On March 21, 1943, he married Jane Murdock, who died June 1, 2005.

On July 14, 2013, he married Lois A. Bowersox, who survives.

Also surviving are a half brother Michael Theis of Battle, England; his three stepsons, Andrew D. (Elizabeth) Bowersox of Winston-Salem, N.C., Peter J. (Becky) Bowersox of Norristown and Mark (Christy) Bowersox of Noblesville, Ind.; eight step-grandchildren, Jake, Allie, Sophie, Joshua, Patience, Garty, Katie and Grace Bowersox; and many nieces and nephews. His niece, Ellen S. Armstrong, and her husband, Garry, lovingly cared for him for several years.

Deceased, in addition to his first wife and parents, are a sister, Anne Hunter, and a stepbrother, Donald B. Melville.

Dr. Fulcher's desire to help others lives on in his directive that his body be donated to science, including donating his brain to the University of Pittsburgh, where he had participated in memory research studies for more than 20 years.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 14, in Friendship Community Church, 1090 Weirich Avenue, Washington, PA 15301, with Pastor Rick Bruckner officiating. American Legion, Bert C. Siders Post 643 of Avella, will conduct a military walk-thru at 10:45 a.m. in the church. Memorial contributions can be made to Friendship Community Church of Washington.

Condolence may be expressed at www.stefkovichfuneralhome.com.

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