



John Didymus Hurst

April 26, 2026

John Didymus Hurst passed away April 26th at Manatee Memorial Hospital. He was 102. He leaves behind his daughter, Patricia (Hurst) Adelstein; son-in-law, Jay David Adelstein; his adoring granddaughters, Rose and Lillian Adelstein; along with many nieces and nephews. He was the fourth of five siblings, all predeceased. His wife of 63 years, Ann Burgin Hurst—the love of his life—passed away in 2019.

John was a remarkable individual who loved God and worked hard for his family. He was born in Van Buren, Kentucky, to Mamye (Driskell) and Walter Hurst. His feats were wide-ranging, from milking cows as a young boy on the farm to managing the transfer and construction of a newly opened factory in France. He worked for the Dayton Walther Corporation for over 35 years in Dayton, Ohio, rising to manager/supervisor in the company. After he retired, he served as a consultant to the company, traveling to Mexico, Canada, Kentucky, and Ohio. When there was a problem, the higher-ups sought out John to fix it.

John served as a WWII Gunnery Sergeant in the 383rd AAA Army Battalion, from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Arena. He credits his military service; religious upbringing and childhood on the farm for instilling in him a strong moral compass and discipline.

After living for over 25 years in Dayton, Ohio, he and Ann moved to Florida, and built a life of adventure. They both volunteered in the community and traveled extensively—to 26 countries—through the Sarasota Chapter of the Friendship Force. They expanded their circle of friends to include individuals from many countries. They also made frequent trips to Washington, DC, to visit their daughter and family, and took their grandchildren on many trips.

John was a member of Palmetto church of Christ and gained strength daily from his abiding devotion to God and the kindnesses of his church family.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 6PM-8PM, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236..

A funeral will be held at Toale Brothers, Colonial Chapel, 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236, at 3PM on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
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Funeral Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ John and Ann were some of the most remarkable people I had the privilege of knowing I met them through their friendship with my parents , Charles and Mamie Davis, and had the opportunity to spend many hours listening to their stories and adventures. I was amazed and entertained by their stories of travel to so many countries and staying at host homes, they both were so full of life and had such an obvious deep love for each other. John was such a man of faith and every aspect of his life reflected his personal relationship with God. I know John, Ann and Dad are having the best reunion right now! I am so sorry for your loss Patty. I and so many others will deeply miss John.

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