



John Jarvis

May 5, 1925 – November 7, 2009

As most of you know, John Jarvis died in his home on November 7. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him. The loss is enormous, but his legacy is profound. He was a compassionate friend to all, a true gentleman and tireless champion of doing the right thing. He loved Lancaster County – the people, the history, the farms, the natural wonders, the historic buildings – and it showed in his actions.

When others were often guided by self-interest on issues affecting our quality of life, John could always be counted on to speak for the community. Whether it was going toe-to-toe with Wal-Mart in a heated public meeting, or taking a child by the hand to teach conservation while exploring a swift running stream, John was a positive force in the lives of so many people, young and old.

In his passionate pursuit of protecting people and places throughout Lancaster County, John gained the respect of everyone, even those with whom he disagreed. He inspires us to be more like him, and use our lives to make a difference in the community.

We are all students of John Jarvis. So, the next time you marvel at the beauty and rich heritage that makes Lancaster County such a special place think of John. And when decisions need to be made that will impact our future, speak up, get involved and live the Jarvis legacy.

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