



John Dever

May 27, 1923 - March 29, 2019

Please join us in remembering John. Through this site we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

Comments



“ I was born in Two Rivers in 1948. I was always curious about the city and how it worked. I had two uncles, John Grade and Howard Perry, who worked for the city. I learned from them--part of what they taught me was that John Dever did great work for Two Rivers and they were proud to serve with him. As I grew up, I continued my interest in cities and city managers. I decided to become a city manger because of the attraction I developed through Two Rivers. I too got my MPA at Syracuse and went off and managed Park Forest and Woodridge, IL for 37 years---as part of the legacy of John Dever. I talked with John at the 1994 ICMA Conference and reminisced with him about my journey and the influence of Two Rivers and his prominent role. I wrote a book to commemorate my experience. John, your contributions live on. Thank you so much.

John F Perry - May 01, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Thanks for sharing your nice memory. It's great to hear from someone from back in the Two Rivers days.

Todd Dever - August 14, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ Our love and prayers are with the John Dever family especially at this very sad time. I personally thank John for his amazing ability to manage in all difficult circumstances. He brought stability and good management to the city of Long Beach when we most needed this. He gifted us with a supportive family and good friends. Then he used his skills to bring this stability to cities around the world. His service as a marine in World War II and gracious patience with all of us modeled and taught in every circumstance. Our special Love to Jean!! Karen Clements

Karen Clements - April 22, 2019 at 01:33 PM