

## George Hoy 1926 - 2018

Georg Hoy died peacefully on December 9, age 92. George and Katie were a rare example of partners in both marriage and business, having operated the **Inn at Brandywine Falls** for the past 30 years, writing two books, hosting countless guests, swapping stories with guests that just make you feel good about people and life. With a MS in Experimental Learning Theory from Kent State University, George worked for General Motors in Personnel, then as Industrial Psychologist and Training Director at the former Cadillac Tank Plant (present IX Center) and taught a night class in Statistics at Baldwin Wallace while living in Snow Village in Parma, where he was elected Cooperative President. He became Field Editor, then Management Editor for the McGraw Hill publication, *Factory Management and Maintenance Magazine*, followed by Executive Editor and Publisher of the Encyclopedia Division of McGraw Hill in New York, publishing encyclopedias in science, art, religion, and biography. Living in Darien, CT, at the time, he was elected to the Representative Town Meeting. He returned to the Cleveland area to join World Publishing, owned by Times Mirror Corporation, publishing dictionaries, college texts, religious and general nonfiction works while residing in Bay Village. The family moved to Laytonsville, Md., initially for a Catholic encyclopedia project for World Publishing but ending with George founding Microform Publishing Company in 1969 to create a collection of the best copyright protected reference books existing in print, with a consolidated index, on microfiche, a valid Wikipedia before its time. The stock market crash of 1970 brought Microform Publishing's venture capital to an untimely end. Ever resourceful, George entered an equal partnership with brother Paul in the AA Rocco Trucking Corp. M & R Trucking and Ohio Translease Corp. located in Independence, OH, the family locating in Hudson. In Hudson, George served on the Board of Trustees of Western Reserve Academy during the capital campaign, as Chairman of the Municipal Planning Commission, for which he authored the first Hudson Comprehensive Master Plan to preserve the historic town center in the 1070's, and the Hudson Municipal Board of Appeals. George chaired the Hudson Bicentennial Commission in 1976, developed the Hudson Heritage Historic Marker program and was Co-President, along with Katie, of the Hudson Heritage Association. George had many titles over the years: stock boy, salesman, PFC and Army Air Force cadet (WWII), fraternity founder (Phi Gamma Theta), barber, vice-president, president, innkeeper, captain (of Ship Ahoy), boat builder, sailor, water diviner, master carpenter, gut bucket maestro, plumber, teacher, author, unabashed liberal, electrician, master bread baker, Poet Laureate of Peninsula Ohio, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather. He volunteered frequently and generously and was a Paul Harris Fellow and active Rotarian, and a member of: ACLU, Adventures in Northeastern Ohio, Amnesty International, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Hudson Heritage Association, League of Women Voters, Nature Conservancy, Peninsula Foundation, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Stan Hywet Hall, WKSU, WNEO, Western Reserve Historical Society and WVIZ. George is survived by his beloved family including wife Katie (Catherine Reedy), sisters Elizabeth Kentosh and Patricia Karnuta (Joe), "adopted" brother Charles W. Cook (June), daughters Susan (Jay) Crawford and Cynthia (John) Bowman, sons Casey (Karen Skubik) and Lawrence (Andra Vebell), grandchildren Katie (Nim) Cohen, Evelyn (John) Bean, Briana and Sean Hoy-Skubik, Dylan and Colin Hoy, Betsy and George Bowman, "adopted" grandchild Sarah Waibel, great-grandchild Ilian James Cohen, many nieces and nephews, many Inn staff (also adopted family) and a virtually endless list of dear friends and former guests. He was preceded in death by brothers John, Paul, Ed and Larry. Born in Cleveland on September 9, 1926, George spent most of his life within 15 miles of the Cuyahoga River, about which he wrote: "Fathered by a constant freeze; Mothered, then, by warming breeze; The glacial motion glacially stopped And glacial rubble was glacially dropped And the river, draining South, turned North..." George has made the turn and will return to the earth in a private green burial at the Foxfield Preserve.