

John R. Calhoun: A Remembrance

By Rich Johnson

Each February, **John Calhoun** delivered President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at a Barn Gang lunch. He would take us back to that late afternoon when Lincoln asked for the healing of our wounded nation.

John's delivery was measured and sure; he spoke from the heart. Reliving Lincoln's concern for our country was an annual treasure, a gift, from John to the Engineers Club.

John joined the club in June 1960. He was a foundation trustee and a major figure in the Barn Gang.

John and Tillie Calhoun were married for almost 60 years. Tillie died in 2001 and John in February 2003. Each had been the other's best friend.

When John died, he left a very substantial gift to the club. As it grows, it will be the essential financial base the club requires. The Calhouns' gift was timely, needed —

and appreciated.

Tillie Calhoun was an executive with the local Girl Scouts, and John was vice president, power production, of Dayton Power and Light. John's job was challenging, and he went about his work with resourcefulness and enthusiasm.

The Calhouns were longtime members of the Fairmont Presbyterian Church.

John was born in New York's Adirondack Mountains. He grew up on the Dakota prairie. His degree in mechanical engineering was from North Dakota State University; his master's degree came from Iowa State.

During World War II, John was commissioned in the Army Air Corps. His interest in aviation was lasting.



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Rich Johnson, left, and John Calhoun converse at the Engineers Club in 2002.

John's life was a chain of strong and significant links — to Tillie, to his church, to his work and to the Engineers Club. His gift to the club will be an equally enduring link.

We thank John and Tillie. They are both missed; they each are fondly remembered.

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