



2021 Nomination Form

Application deadline: Friday, February 26 by 5 p.m.

DELIVER TO: City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Winston-Salem,
Marketing & Communications Department, Suite 336

OR MAIL TO: City of Winston-Salem,
Marketing & Communications Department
P.O. Box 2511
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Nominee's Stage Name: _____ Given Name: John Ehle

Address at Time of Death: 125 N. Westview Dr Winston-Salem State: NC

Winston-Salem Resident: Beginning: 1965 (year only) To: 2018 (year only)

Category: _____ Music _____ Visual Arts _____ Dance _____ Motion Pictures
_____ Theater _____ Television Writing _____ Radio

Criteria:

- The nominee(s) exhibited sustained excellence in his or her field for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made distinguished contributions to the community and civic-oriented participation.
- The nominee(s) is deceased (must provide copy of death certificate).
- The nominee(s) was a resident of Winston-Salem for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made a significant contribution to the arts or entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio. A "significant" contribution would be iconic in terms of renown and the impact on the artistic disciplines or popular culture.
- Application must include nominee's performance/accomplishment biography.
- Attach nominee's biography with dates which must include at least 5 years of accomplishments in the arts, culture, or entertainment field.
- Attach a list of nominee's civic/community involvement.
- Attach a copy of nominee's death certificate.

Sponsor: GAYLE ANDERSON

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2021 Nomination For The Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame - John Ehle Nomination

Supplemental Information to Application Form

1. ***Nominee's performance/accomplishment biography.*** Please see attached article from the Winston-Salem Journal dated March 27, 2018. Mr. Ehle began writing while he still was at UNC-Chapel Hill, writing radio plays that were nationally broadcast. His first novel was published in 1957, and his first nonfiction book was published in 1965. His service as special assistant to Governor Terry Sanford was followed by a position at the Ford Foundation in New York before he moved to Winston-Salem in 1965. By then he had been writing books for a number of years. Many of his books have been reprinted by local publisher Press 53.
2. ***Nominee's biography with dates of at least 5 years of accomplishments.*** Please see Winston-Salem Journal article dated March 27, 2018. Mr. Ehle wrote 17 books of fiction and non-fiction, beginning in 1957 and continuing for decades. His breakthrough book, "The Land Breakers," was written in 1964. Two of his books, "The Journey of August King," and "The Winter People," were made into movies. He won numerous literary prizes and was inducted into the NC Literary Hall of Fame.
3. ***Nominee's civic/community involvement.*** Mr. Ehle began in the 1960s work on establishing what is now the UNC School of the Arts here in Winston-Salem. His work in arts education started in 1963 as special assistant to NC Governor Terry Sanford where he also worked toward creation of the NC School of Science and Mathematics. Throughout his years in Winston-Salem, he served as a mentor to budding writers.
4. A copy of his death certificate is attached, as well as the article from the Winston-Salem Journal dated March 27, 2018.

Mar 27, 2018 *Winston-Salem Journal*

Winston-Salem author John Ehle, who at 92 was considered one of North Carolina's greatest writers and a formidable promoter of the humanities in the state, has died.

A close friend of the family said that Ehle died a peaceful death at his Winston-Salem home on Saturday, with wife Rosemary Harris and daughter Jennifer Ehle by his side.

Ehle was part of what can be called Winston-Salem's first family of the arts. In addition to being an accomplished writer, he helped spearhead the development of what is now UNC School of the Arts and made a home here with Tony Award-winning actress Rosemary Harris. Their daughter Jennifer also became a noted stage and film actress.

He is survived by both.

"The School of the Arts was born in the 1960s out of John Ehle's clear vision and tenacious advocacy," university Chancellor Lindsay Bierman said Tuesday. "He may be best known as a prolific author, but around here, in our hearts, John will always be best loved as one of our founding fathers.

"With his courage, intellect, doggedness, creativity and incomparable voice he fought to enrich the culture of this state and our nation. We will miss him dearly," Bierman said.

Ehle wrote 17 books, both fiction and nonfiction. He is a member of the N.C. Literary Hall of Fame and was recognized for his literature with a North Carolina Award, the state's highest civilian honor, in 2007, as was his wife, hers in the field of fine arts.

Gerald Freedman, dean emeritus of the School of the Arts, said he admired Ehle for his integrity.

governors, one of my main suggestions would be to find a novelist and put him on his staff.”

In a 1967 interview in the *Winston-Salem Journal*, Ehle discussed how his background as a novelist helped him in his state position. He said a novelist moves by intuition, and from his writing learns how to identify with the people involved in an event. In state government, he said, experts approach a problem armed with facts but often without intuition. Writers move first with intuition, hopefully with the facts, he said.

During the Sanford administration, Ehle worked toward the creation of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. The school opened in 1980.

Ehle left Sanford’s office in 1964 and worked in New York for the Ford Foundation before moving to Winston-Salem in 1965 to concentrate on writing books.

Ehle’s writing career started earlier, during his days in Chapel Hill, writing radio plays that were nationally broadcast as part of a series called “The American Adventure.” His first novel, “Move Over Mountain,” was published in 1957.

In 1964, he wrote his breakthrough book, “The Land Breakers,” a work of historical fiction about the first white settlers in Western North Carolina. The novel was the first, chronologically, of what would become a seven-novel series examining life in the Appalachian Mountains.

Ehle also wrote nonfiction. His book “The Free Men,” a first-person account of the civil rights movement in Chapel Hill, was published in 1965. It discussed the first Freedom March down Franklin Street, sit-ins, and the integration of local businesses. Ehle said he knew the book would be controversial, writing, “I have written about my own town, friends and

“His impact for Winston-Salem and the state of North Carolina was immense,” Joines said. “His founding of the UNCSCA and the School of Science and Math and his prolific writing made not only Winston-Salem but the state of North Carolina much better places.”

Also in 1967, Ehle wrote the next novel in his Appalachian series, “The Road.” Two later books in the series — “The Journey of August King” (1971) and “The Winter People” (1982) — were made into movies. The novels trace a nearly 200-year swath of North Carolina Appalachian history, from the arrival of the first white settlers to the rise and fall of the heady Asheville real estate scene in the 1920s.

Ehle said his books countered the stereotypes of mountain people that would often characterize them as shiftless and stupid men and subservient women.

“In this country, the image of the hillbilly makes it difficult for people to believe anything important can be said about southern mountaineers,” he told the Journal in a 1972 interview.

Ehle won numerous literary prizes, including the Thomas Wolfe Prize and the Lillian Smith Award for Southern Fiction.

“His respect for the dignity of his subjects, fictional and nonfictional, is a common thread running through all of his works,” notes his entry in the N.C. Literary Hall of Fame.

Many of Ehle’s books have been reprinted by local publisher Press 53.

Kevin Morgan Watson, the publisher and editor-in-chief of Press 53 and Prime Number Magazine, said he lost a dear friend in Ehle.



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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
N.C. VITAL RECORDS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 03495

LOCAL NO. 323

COUNTY OF DEATH Forsyth

STATE FILE NO.

DECEDENT'S LEGAL NAME

1a. FIRST JOHN 1b. MIDDLE MARSDEN 1c. LAST EHLE 1d. SUFFIX JR 1e. LAST NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE

2. SEX M 3a. AGE-LAST BIRTHDAY (Yrs) 92 3b. UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 3c. UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes 4. DATE OF BIRTH (Month/Day/Year) 12-13-1925 5. BIRTHPLACE (County/State or Foreign Country) Buncombe, NC 6. DATE OF DEATH (Month/Day/Year) 3-24-2018

PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one)

7a. IF DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL Inpatient ER/Outpatient DCA Hospice facility Nursing home/Long term care facility Decedent's home Other (Specify) 7b. IF DEATH OCCURRED SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL 7c. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) 125 North Westview Drive 7d. CITY OR TOWN Winston-Salem 7e. COUNTY OF DEATH Forsyth

8. MARITAL STATUS Married Married, but separated Widowed Divorced Never married Unknown 9. SURVIVING SPOUSE (Give name prior to first marriage) Rosemary Harris 10a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Do not use retired) Author 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY Literature Fiction/Non-Fiction

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 246-32-6187 12a. RESIDENCE-STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY North Carolina 12b. COUNTY Forsyth 12c. CITY OR TOWN Winston-Salem 12d. STREET AND NUMBER 125 North Westview Drive 12e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS Yes No 12f. ZIP CODE 27104 13. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? Yes No

14. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Check the box that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of death) 8th grade or less 9th-12th grade; no diploma High school graduate or GED completed Some college credit, but no degree Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS) Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD) or Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) 15. DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Check the box that best describes whether the decedent is Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. Check the "No" box if decedent is not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino) No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino (Specify) 16. DECEDENT'S RACE (Check one or more races to indicate what the decedent considered himself or herself to be) White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native (Name of the enrolled or principal tribe) Asian Indian Chinese Filipino Japanese Korean Vietnamese Native Hawaiian Guamanian or Chamorro Samoan Other Pacific Islander (Specify) Other (Specify)

17. FATHER/PARENT NAME (First, Middle, Last) (Last Name Prior to First Marriage) John Marsden Ehle Sr. 18. MOTHER/PARENT NAME (First, Middle, Last) (Last Name Prior to First Marriage) Gladys Stames

19a. INFORMANT'S NAME Jennifer Anne Ehle 19b. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Daughter 19c. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code) 889 7th Ave. New York New York 10106

20a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION Donation Entombment Burial Cremation Removal from State Other (Specify) 20b. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, other place) Cremation Services 20c. LOCATION (City or Town and State) Winston-Salem, NC

21a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR [Signature] 21b. LICENSE NUMBER 3550 21c. NAME OF EMBALMER N/A 21d. LICENSE NUMBER N/A

22. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME Ethna Inc 2500 Newland Dr. Clemmons, NC 27012

23. Part I. Enter the chain of events (disease, injuries or complications) that directly caused the death. DO NOT enter terminal events such as cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, or ventricular fibrillation without showing the etiology on lines b, c and/or d. Enter only one cause on a line. DO NOT ABBREVIATE. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) a. PNEUMONIA Due to (or as a consequence of) b. DIABETES MELLITUS Due to (or as a consequence of) c. HEMACHRONIOSIS Due to (or as a consequence of) d. Approximate interval: Onset to death

PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in PART I. 24a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes No 24b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE CAUSE OF DEATH? Yes No

25. MANNER OF DEATH Natural Homicide Accident Pending Suicide Cannot be determined 26a. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER? Yes No 26b. IF YES Declined by Medical Examiner 27. TIME OF DEATH (Approximate) 13:20 28. DID TOBACCO USE CONTRIBUTE TO DEATH? Yes Probably No Unknown 29. IF FEMALE: Pregnant at time of death Not pregnant within past year Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death Unknown if pregnant within the past year

30. DATE PRONOUNCED (Month/Day/Year) 3/24/18 31a. DATE OF INJURY (Month/Day/Year) 31b. TIME OF INJURY 31c. INJURY AT WORK? Yes No 31d. PLACE OF INJURY-at home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. 31e. IF TRANSPORTATION INJURY SPECIFY: Driver/Operator Passenger Pedestrian Other (Specify)

31. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED 31g. LOCATION OF INJURY (Street/Number/City/State)

32. CERTIFIER (Check only one) Certifying physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant - To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated. Medical Examiner - On the basis of examination, and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated.

33a. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER [Signature] MD 33b. LICENSE NUMBER NC 20229 33c. DATE SIGNED (Month/Day/Year) 3/26/18

34. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (Print legibly) WILLIAM B. APPELEGATE MD Medical Center Blvd Winston Salem, NC 27157 35. DATE REGISTERED BY STATE 36. DATE FILED (Month/Day/Year) MAR 28 2018

DATE CORRECTED (Mo/Day/Yr) DATE AMENDED (Mo/Day/Yr) ITEM(S) CORRECTED: ITEM(S) AMENDED:

NOT A CERTIFICATE COPY

BURIAL/CREMATION PERMIT Medical Examiner: Authorization for Disposition/Transportation After the medical examiner completes and signs this burial/cremation permit, the funeral home, crematory, transporter or removal firm from the state, a copy of this form serves as a Burial/Cremeration Permit.