

The Niagara District is saddened to hear of the recent death of John Cranch on July 14, 2013, six days short of his 91st birthday. John competed actively in District, State and National meets, accumulating 81 Top Ten swims from 1987-2008 in short course yards, meters and long course meters. John also regularly competed in open water competition in the Rochester area. John was not only an excellent backstroke swimmer, but he competed in distance freestyle events as well, including the 400, 500, 800 and 1500. John last competed at age 86 in the 2008 Empire State Games, placing 1st in all 5 of his events. John still holds the 18 Niagara District records for backstroke and distance freestyle events in the 70-74, 75-79, 80-84 and 85-89 age groups.

[John Eliot Cranch Obituary](#)

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