



John David Helms

September 6, 1949 - December 28, 2019

Passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 28, 2019 at his home. John had been diagnosed with cancer in June 2019 and successfully completed surgery and preventative chemotherapy treatment. John was thought to be on his way to a full recovery. John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

John was a wonderful, loving husband of 44 years to Kathryn Mihelich-Helms, proud father to three sons David (Gina) Helms, Jason (Corie) Helms, and Jeffrey (Trisha) Helms and grandfather to two grandsons Connor and Matty (David).

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on September 6, 1949 to Joedale and Eileen (Tierney) Helms, John was fortunate to have eight siblings. John is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Tom Helms and Linda Ward. He is survived by siblings Joeleen Pentland of Charlotte, NC, Ron (Bonnie) Helms of Council Bluffs, IA, Geri (Pat) McArthur of Fayetteville, NC, Don Helms of Charlotte, NC, Bill Helms of Okatie, SC, and Bob Helms, Charlotte, NC.

After high school, John served in the US Air Force. He then graduated from UNC Charlotte and went on to graduate school at The Ohio State University earning a Master's Degree in the Social Sciences.

John worked as a network manager for the Department of Development for the State of Ohio from 1985 - 2007. As a resident of Dublin, Ohio, John had many wonderful friends and neighbors. Weekend get togethers, boating trips, and laughter filled his life. John loved to have a good time, share laughs, talk, and celebrate with those around him. He was known as the life of the party by many.

After retirement in 2007, John and Kathryn re-located to Fort Collins, Colorado. Love of the outdoors propelled John into camping, landscaping, and spending time outside. John and Kathryn truly loved being together with their family, friends, and dogs. He also enjoyed evening cocktails on the deck with the beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains.

John will be remembered as kind, witty, loving, stubborn, smart, sarcastic, and progressive

in his thinking. He was an avid history buff and reader. He was boisterous, playful, argumentative, strong in his convictions and loved a good debate. (Unfortunately all 3 of his sons inherited this trait!) John was gentle, affectionate, and sincere. He was truly one of a kind.

A celebration of life will be planned for late spring/early summer 2020 in Colorado for all who hope to come together in honor of John. Join us as we raise a toast to John! (Warning: Be prepared to listen to some Leon Redbone.)

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Animal House Rescue in honor of John Helms. To be sent to 2200 N. Taft Road Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. For more information go to <http://animalhousehelp.org>.

Comments



“ My name is Shawn Newsom. John's son David was my best friend when I was a kid. I spent a lot of time at their home in Dublin. He was always very nice. I hate hear this.
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Shawn Newsom - August 25, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Dear kathy I only became aware of John's passing today. It is so strange he has been on my mind so much in the past six months. I have so many great memories from our time in Korea and the time we spent in Lafayette. I truly wish we would have parted on much happier circumstances. I was just young immature and stubborn. I have thought of john and his family so often. Didn't know how to contact any of you. I wish you and your family all the happiness in the coming years. May God bless all of you. John was a fine individual of that there is no doubt. My sincere condolences.
Dave Rishel.

David Rishel - May 10, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ A dear friend and a truly good man with a heart as large and embracing as his personality. Deeply loved by those close to him he will be sorely missed for a very long time.

Thomas Trusty - January 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband....

janet maciulski - January 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ We pray the Lord holds you in his loving embrace and brings you comfort during this difficult time. I know the memories of John will bring you peace. He was a very special person, and we were lucky to have shared part of his life when you lived in Dublin.
Suzanne Lucas and family

suzanne lucas - January 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ For many years, John and Kathryn were our favorite couple in Dublin, and we could never replace the unique, vibrant and joyful friendship we had with them. We loved hanging out, and John always kept us laughing. Just as memorable are the many conversation we had about making the world a better place for everyone. We miss you, John, and send our love to Kathryn and their family.

Claudia Trusty - January 03, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Oh, the memories that my family shared with Katherine and John are so special, interesting, unique, and always lots of laughter and fun. I loved the debates we used to have and the times when we misbehaved in an adult sort of way. My fondest memory is when we stopped at this house on the way back from the lake around midnight because there was a sign saying that they sold cornhole sets. We convinced the owner that he should sell us one that night. There was always a new conversation to have and ever since they moved to Colorado, there has been a huge hole in our hearts and the hearts of many. He will be greatly missed

Loree Gallatin - January 06, 2020 at 12:59 AM



“ I will never forget his twinkling eyes or the sound of John's wonderful laughter. He had a very large and comforting presence. His spirit was one of a king and will leave an immeasurable void. My heart is broken for everyone. Peace. Lucy Smith. Dublin, OH

LUCY SMITH - January 03, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Kathy & family-I am so sorry to hear of this terrible loss. I pray you all find peace in your beautiful memories.

Nancy Coleman

Nancy Coleman - January 03, 2020 at 12:45 PM