



John Douglas Borman, Jr.

June 22, 1937 - January 6, 2023

John Douglas Borman Jr. of Fort Collins passed away Friday January 6, 2023 in his home at the age of 85. His family and friends had the gift of being able to say goodbye to him as he came to the end of his long and adventurous life.

John was the eldest son of Doug and Bessie Borman of Gordon, Nebraska. His childhood and young adult life were spent adventuring outdoors and working for his father as a ranch hand and bill collector. John honed his personal skills by stepping up and doing the grunt work as the youngest cowhand (and taking on the half-wild horses they gave him) and by finding respectful solutions to financial struggles faced by the Lakota Sioux people who owed money on the automobiles they purchased from his father. These skills carried through the rest of his life.

John studied business at Creighton University, graduating in 1959. While in Omaha, John met the tall and charming woman who would become his life long partner. Mary Sweetman and John married January 21st, 1961. They moved back to Gordon Nebraska and began their lives as parents to three children, John Richard (Rick), Mary Ann, and Joan Marie (Joanie).

In 1977, John moved his family to Fort Collins, Colorado where he had opened yet another of the many NAPA Auto Parts stores he owned and operated. Civic responsibility and Christian responsibility were important to him, so he quickly became an active member of the Fort Collins community

sitting on a variety of boards and helping to establish The Mission (a shelter facility for people facing hardships) and CARE Housing (affordable housing communities). He spent many years on the board and as the chairman of Home Federal Bank, now KeyBank. Mentoring young entrepreneurs was another way John gave back to his community. As shared by one of these men, “John believed in me even when I didn’t believe in myself.”

When not working, John devoted time to his family, friends, and sports, often bringing all three together in one event. He included his children and grandchildren in chasing the game—flying to various Final Four March Madness basketball games and Creighton Bluejay events. He was especially fond of Nebraska football, the Broncos, Creighton basketball, and all sports CSU.

John’s children remember him as a man who was always busy. He wanted to do it all. He spent time traveling, hunting, fishing, scuba diving, skiing, golfing, bike riding, playing racquet sports, and taking pictures. He also loved including others in his fun. He and Mary hosted many of their kids’ college friends, giving them the experience of skiing in Colorado, and summertime lake adventures. One hobby John especially enjoyed with his grandchildren was teaching them to fish up at Red Feather lakes.

John was preceded in death by his wife Mary. He is survived by son Rick, his wife Pamela, and children, Scott and Alli; daughter Mary Ann, her husband Greg Ellis, and children Joe (wife Hannah) and great granddaughter Emma and Maddie (husband Thad Titze); and daughter Joanie, her husband Jim Olson and children Sam (wife Meredith) and Emily.

If you knew John, you remember what a storyteller he was. You also know he loved spending time with you and was skilled at making you feel comfortable, valued, and he listened well. So as John would say, “I’m fine, but more

importantly, how are you?" Please join his family in remembering the remarkable man he was. There will be a rosary at 7:00 pm Friday, January 13th at Bohlender Chapel with time to share stories afterwards. The rosary will be live streamed here on John's obituary page. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, January 14th at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. The mass will be live streamed at youtube.com/c/SaintJosephCatholicChurchFC.

If you are unable to attend either of these services, please raise a scotch on the rocks (pour the good stuff) in his memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to CARE Housing in Fort Collins.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 13. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
300 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of John Douglas Borman, Jr.*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - January 13, 2023 at 06:58 PM

KW

“ *Mike and I moved in across the street from John at Rancho La Quinta two years ago. We unfortunately did not have the opportunity to meet Mary. We so enjoyed his fun, upbeat neighborly friendliness. He loved to tease and had such a great sense of humor. He was such a delight and we most definitely will miss him.*
Kristal

Kristal Wilson - January 23, 2023 at 04:53 PM

PK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to John's family. John & Mary were well-loved neighbors when we lived in Ft. Collins. Our love to all.*
John & Pam Keller

Pamela Keller - January 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM

SS

“ Cindy and I got to know John and Mary through our golfing group at the Country Club and quickly gained an appreciation for them as a delightful and engaging couple. Although I had known John distantly in his role as a banking professional for many years, it was not until we became better acquainted that I realized his great sense of humor. John was a real pleasure to know, and I will miss his great personality.

Steve Stansfield

Steve Stansfield - January 14, 2023 at 03:54 PM

NY

“ Our sincere sympathy to John’s family. Over the last 40 years of friendship we have so many wonderful memories of fun times spent with John and Mary. We will miss the stories and the reminiscing. We will forever hold them both in a special place in our hearts.

With Sincere Sympathy
Nick and Karen Yobbagy

Nick and Karen Yobbagy - January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM

LS

“ Dear John Borman Family,
Our deepest sympathy to your entire family on John’s passing on January 6, 2023.
Although I did not know any of you, his children or larger family, John and Mary were good business and social friends for over 40 years.
John was brave enough to join the board of advisors for our startup company InfoAmerica in about 1982. We were a small high technology company with more enthusiasm, and opportunities than wisdom. John gave us his personal and business guidance as we rode the roller coaster ride of financing and managing our firm as we went through a reverse merger, and several corporate sales of our fast food self-ordering technology to Taco Bell, McDonalds and finally NCR. He was a stock holder and chair of our board of advisors for over 15 years. John was always available to listen and to guide us through a business problem or opportunity. He gave Paul Knight and me the senior stability and wisdom that we needed, even though we sometimes did not like to hear it.
John had a significant impact on the larger FT Collins Business community. In addition he was a personal advisor and role model in his business ethics, and his dedication to the Catholic church and his family. We also had fun playing golf with him in La Quinta and the FT Collins CC.
When Mary passed, we could see the sadness in his face. John, we will miss you. You were a great friend and role model for me.

Sincerely,
Larry Salmen

Larry James Salmen - January 13, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Douglas Borman, Jr..*



January 12, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ *John and I always discussed basketball--not just the scores, but the fine points of strategy. I'll really miss our conversations.*
Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson - January 12, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *John was such a friendly, classy gentleman. There is a HUGE homecoming in heaven for him. Sending love and prayers to all his family.*

Jane Wise-Gronewoller - January 11, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Douglas Borman, Jr..*



January 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Douglas Borman, Jr..*



January 10, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ *I will never forget John, oh the stories! I have so many wonderful memories of John there are too many to list. I know that he and my dad (Mac Hull) are already causing trouble in heaven, and it makes me smile. The photo was their last Husker game together, so glad I was a part of it. John will never be forgotten.*



Monica McKune - January 10, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ *John was a wonderful friend of our family. He was always such a classy and kind man. I really admired him.*

Kay Livingston Ash - January 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Coleman & Judy Foley and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Douglas Borman, Jr..*



Coleman & Judy Foley and Family - January 10, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Douglas Borman, Jr..*



January 10, 2023 at 11:02 AM