



John Mitchell Hatfield

November 14, 1946 - September 28, 2022

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, John Mitchell Hatfield, passed away. Born to Elizabeth J. Snyder Hatfield and Glenn Wilson Hatfield in Kansas City, Kansas, John attended Wyandotte High School and then went on to graduate from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Business degree. After college, he joined the Navy and then moved on to a long and successful career at Honeywell and Sun Microsystems. He is survived by his partner of 23 years, Roger Miller, and many beloved family members.

Generosity, broad-minded acceptance, and an easy, warm and congenial nature characterized John's life. For John and Roger, raised respectively in Kansas and Texas, Colorado seems even now like Shangri-La. The three years brought increasingly less mobility for John, but they also brought the glow of a life well-lived and well-loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at 2 pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street in Fort Collins, Colorado.

In his memory, donations may be made to the Human Rights Campaign, a charity near and dear to John's heart.

In 2023, there will be an additional celebration of John's life at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, that friends and family are welcome to attend. More

information on this will be available next year.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of John Mitchell Hatfield*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - October 07, 2022 at 01:29 PM

LR

“ *John was my favorite regular customer at my work. He came in nearly once a week (always ordered sauv blanc) and each time he did, he lit up my day with his amazing smile and stories of what his grandchildren were up to. I met him on my first day at my job, when he kindly let me know that I had forgotten to add his drink to his bill, a seemingly small yet profound act of kindness and goodness. He made such an unexpected yet wonderful impression on me, for he exuded cheerfulness and kindness. My sincerest condolences go out to all those who loved him.*

Lucy Renfrow - October 12, 2022 at 07:16 PM

RB

John was a beloved regular customer at our restaurant, visiting almost every week since we first opened and it was always such a pleasure for everyone when he came in, to get to chat and catch up. He was such a kind and sweet gentleman, he will be very missed. The Boutinet family sends our sincerest condolences to his loved ones and his friends, and to anyone who had the pleasure to cross paths with John.

Rosi Boutinet - October 13, 2022 at 10:35 AM

AN

“ John and I met 15 years ago thanks to the universe putting me and Roger at the same organization. He was part of my “chosen family” and brought such joy and love to our hearts. He came to meet my oldest less than 24 hours after she was born, showed her his boundless love (and patience) when he came to her kindergarten concert, drove me to sell a car, drank wine out of sippy cups, was always willing to have a cheestique lunch, and appreciated what it is like to have a life partner obsessed with watches. More than anything, John showed us what it is to have a joyful and giving life.



Angie - October 08, 2022 at 08:16 PM

DE

“ To meet John was to get an unexpected gift -- each time I saw him, I was reminded of how serenely joyful a person could choose to be. He had such a quiet glow about him, even in the midst of the inevitable setbacks or challenges that are part of life. I can only hope to emulate him in months and years to come. John, thank you for bringing such joy to Roger, and to all whose lives you touched.

Denise - October 08, 2022 at 10:45 AM

LB

“ I met John in 1971-72 at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart West Germany. I was there as a secretary/civilian and remember when meeting John how dashing he was in his Navy uniform. There was a core group of us there who were good friends. We got together often. It wasn't long before John and I became good friends. We took long walks and shared confidences. When I returned stateside to marry my husband to my surprise John was there!! He and my other Patch friends who came, visited with us the next day. Somehow we managed to stay in touch over the years in spite of long distance. I'll always be thankful for John's friendship and will keep him close to my heart. He truly was a remarkable man.

Lynette Lockhart Borders - October 08, 2022 at 08:51 AM

DA

John and his wonderful smile. He had it the first day of Grade 1 at Hawthorne in KCKS and wore it through life, always giving me reason to smile. John was always a sweet, caring person even as a child. We reconnected on FB several years ago, had wonderful conversations, shared so much. It was wonderful to know Roger brought so much love and joy.

We were looking forward to seeing both at the mini reunion. RIP John, you will be missed by so many. ❤️

Diane Aaron - October 08, 2022 at 01:15 PM

TW

“ I met John on May 5, 2007. I was hosting a Cinco de Mayo party and my Army buddy Roger who now worked with me at a civilian company brought his friend John to the party. I talked with him for at least a half hour and was struck by his gentle laugh and graceful manner. Since then I've shared many meals, concerts and evenings of conversation with both of them. There was always a twinkle in John's eye, a willingness to laugh with you and focus on the positive (but fully aware of what could be improved). When my wife was dying of cancer, John was one of her favorite companions, and our last social engagement before she passed was lunch with Roger and John. He lived a full life, and yet there is a hole in my heart at his passing.

Tim Williamson - October 06, 2022 at 09:10 AM

RM

John and Paige connected by the warmth of their smiles. Smiles were the preferred means of communication between those two, Tim. We left-brained types get tangled up in a jungle of words, but John and Paige cut through all that with smiles that would melt glaciers. So much simpler!

Roger Miller - October 07, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joyce Kast - October 04, 2022 at 11:29 AM

JG

The three of us back in the days of our youth. We will always have those great memories. He was so happy to have found you Roger, the love of his life.

Julee Granger - October 07, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JK

“ John was my friend for 48 years. I have countless memories of conversations, confidences shared, adventures taken and meals shared at Nabil's were laughter and tears were common. I'm so glad John had love in his life these past 23 years. I remember very clearly the phone call we had after he met Roger for the first time. How he opened his front door and there Roger stood. He was giddy from the very beginning. I'm glad of that. I will miss my close friend so very much and I'm sorry for the loss to all of us. He gave selfless kindnesses and a smile that was warm, sincere and mischievous. He cared about each and every one of us and I hope his love for all will bring some comfort.

Joyce Kast - October 04, 2022 at 11:27 AM

KB

“ 2 files added to the album Family Photos



Kristin Bohlender - October 02, 2022 at 12:59 PM