



## John D. Marwitz

March 6, 1937 - November 23, 2019

After a 23 year battle with cancer, John Danial Marwitz, 82, with family by his side, passed peacefully at his home in Fort Collins, CO on November 23, 2019. John was born in Brownwood, TX on March 6, 1937 to Adolf Otto Marwitz and Mary Ann (Prescher) Marwitz. When he was 10 years old, John's family moved to a small farm outside of Fort Morgan, CO. John graduated from Fort Morgan High School in 1955 and then attended CSU, earning a BS degree in Civil Engineering and a MS degree in Hydraulic Engineering. At CSU, he met Karen, his beloved wife, and they married in the summer of 1959. As an undergrad, John was in Advanced ROTC and upon graduating, had a 3 year obligation with the USAF. One year was spent in Seattle at the University of Washington becoming a weather forecaster. The last two years were spent at Bunker Hill AFB in Indiana where he gave weather briefings to the bomber alert crews during the Berlin Crisis. In 1965, while again at CSU, John was involved with a hail suppression research project in north eastern CO. It was then that he decided that weather research was his passion. In 1967, John became a professor of Atmospheric Science at the UW at Laramie and soon after earned his PhD in Meteorology from McGill University in Montreal Canada. During his 33 year career at UW, he influenced the lives and careers of many graduate students, who are spread out across the globe. Additionally, he did research on many aspects of weather using a highly instrumented airplane. John traveled the world. From his research, John authored numerous scientific journal articles and publications, always hoping

to advance science. John wanted to give credit to his fellow researchers at UW, who he described as "an amazing team." Upon retiring from UW in 1999, John and Karen moved to Fort Collins CO.

John loved vegetable gardening, sailing, traveling, and the German card game 'Skat'. John loved learning. John loved his family. John loved God. He was a kind, good man. Born a humble farm boy, he always said he was a "lucky guy."

John is survived by his caregiver and wife of 60 years, Karen (nee Squier), sons Curt (Carol), Scott (Mary Stella), Todd, Eric, daughter Kris, brother Melvin Marwitz, sisters Delora Ticnor and Mary Ann Taylor (Harry), 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

A family graveside burial service was held December 2, 2019 at Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins. A memorial service will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Fort Morgan, CO on Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift to Pathway Hospice in the care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel will be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Private Graveside

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Memorial Service

DEC 14. 11:30 AM (MT)

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer  
1100 W. Platte Ave.  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

# Tribute Wall

NK

“ To Karen and Family, I am deeply sorry to hear this news. I was a graduate student in Atmospheric Science during 1985-88 and fondly remember Thanksgivings dinners at your place in Laramie. John made us feel welcome and at home during that time. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to you and family.

*Narendra Kale*

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**Narendra Kale** - December 17, 2019 at 01:42 AM

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**Scott Marwitz** - December 12, 2019 at 09:03 AM

KG

“ To Karen and family. We were greatly saddened to hear of John's passing after his long and courageous battle with cancer. He holds a special place in our hearts for all the support and encouragement he gave us while I was a grad student of his back in the 1970's. Another special memory I have is when he took me sailing several years ago. John loved to sail back and forth over the lake. He made sure that I enjoyed the passion he had for sailing.

*All the best to you at this time of loss. Sincerely, Ken & Kathy Grandia*

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**Ken Grandia** - December 11, 2019 at 03:14 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss of John. He will be missed by many!

*Michael & Debbie Arruabarrena*

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**Michael Arruabarrena** - December 11, 2019 at 02:25 PM

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“ Dad with Curt, Scott, and Todd.



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**Scott Marwitz** - December 10, 2019 at 05:05 PM

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**Todd Marwitz** - December 10, 2019 at 03:38 PM

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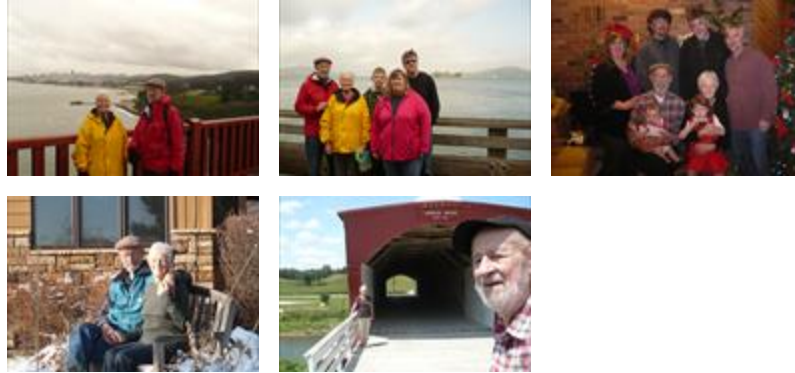


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**Todd Marwitz** - December 10, 2019 at 03:30 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album John Marwitz (aka Dad, Grampa, G-Pa, Uncle Johnny)



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**Todd Marwitz** - December 10, 2019 at 02:10 PM

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“ *Guess what, Dad. I love you.*

*Todd*

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**Todd Marwitz** - December 08, 2019 at 11:47 AM

JS

“ *We remember meeting John and Karen on the Alaskan cruise ship they were our dinner table companions. We enjoyed hearing his interesting stories. So sorry to hear of his passing but he lived life to the fullest and we all can only hope to do the same.*

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**john and bev speckman** - December 06, 2019 at 10:57 PM