



John Callan

September 27, 2003

John D. Callan, 74, of Topeka, formerly of Cedar Rapids, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 27, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Friends are welcome to join in a celebration of John's life on Tuesday when he will lie in state from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church. Family will greet friends from 6:00-8:00. A parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 and a Knight's of Columbus rosary at 7:00. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 Wednesday at the church with interment following at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

John is survived by his wife of 43 years, Josie, and their son, Patrick, of Topeka, daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Mark Turner of Salina, and grandchildren, Joe and Callan Turner. Other surviving family members include sister-in-law, Rosie Palumbo, and brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Mary Anne Palumbo; nieces, Maureen, Diane and Nancy and nephews, Tom, Terry and Dave.

John was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa of the late Azella and Joseph Callan. His was preceded in death by his brothers, Bobby, Joseph, Paul and William and a sister, Mary Edwards. He graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Cedar Rapids in 1947 and graduated magna cum laude from Loras College in 1956. A United States Navy veteran, he served in the Korean War as a hospital corpsman. John was a soft drink industry executive for 40 years

and most recently in advertising.

John will be most sorely missed for the many leadership roles he played in many service organizations including: the Optimist Clubs of Cedar Rapids and Topeka, the Topeka Heartland Sertoma Club, the Topeka Chapter of the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 8411, Mary's Rosary Group and the Topeka St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Besides a lifetime of care and concern for his family and friends, John served others in countless acts of charity including as a volunteer Eucharistic Minister at Topeka's Veterans Hospital. He was truly "his brother's keeper".

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Marian Clinic, 1001 SW Garfield, Topeka KS 66604, or in John's memory to the charity of the donor's choice.

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Callan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Josie and family,
We were so sorry to read of John's death. We liked him very much,
but then, didn't everyone?
We remember all the good times, and hope that those memories,
your family/friends and your faith will guide you through this dark
time.
A contribution in John's name will be given to Prairiewoods
(Franciscan retreat complex) in Hiawatha, IA
Our sympathies to all the family. Love, Bev & Dave*

Bev & Dave Hannon - October 09, 2003 at 02:50 PM



“ *I worked with John for many years when he was sales mgr. at Pepsi
Cola of Topeka and I was in the ad agency business. He was
always quick with a smile, a word of advice. He was one of my best
friends in many years in Topeka. I miss him.*

Jerry Bailey - September 30, 2003 at 05:52 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Josie and all the family on the loss of John. A cousin and best friend throughout my life, John taught me much about our family roots, my grandfather, Latin 101, life, and humor. It saddens us all to know that he has gone to his eternal reward. I'm sure the afterlife is a happier place now that he is there. Mary Pat and her family join me in wishing all of you prayers, peace, and courage.

Fr. Jim Flanagan - September 30, 2003 at 01:21 PM

JT

“ Our sincere sympathy, his ready smile will be missed.

Jim & Harlean Thissen - September 30, 2003 at 10:37 AM

JT

“ John Callan

Jim & Harlean Thissen - September 30, 2003 at 10:35 AM

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“ Condolences to my Loras classmate, Navy hospital corpsman shipmate and one giant from the Cedar Rapids business circle. I send my sympathy to Josie, Patrick and Anne and all of John's family. John and I were seminarians together at "North Hall" Loras. He was always the scholar and gentleman with a demeanor of smiles. If one word could sum up his life, it would be humbleness--in spite of his academic excellence and business success. May God walk with him.

Thomas Walsh - September 30, 2003 at 10:15 AM