



John Grill

December 18, 2023

John George Grill, 95, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2023.

John was born in New York City, the son of John and Emily (Graff) Grill, in 1928. He attended Storm King Prep School near West Point and graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, in 1951 with a dual major in Engineering and Geology.

John served in the United States Army in the Communications Corps with duty tours in Korea and later, Vietnam. After Korea he was assigned to Topeka, KS where he met his wife Patricia Hoferer from Wamego, KS. They were married in 1955. They had two children: a son Jeff and a daughter Cynthia, both born in Panama during John's assignment there. Other tour assignments took John and the family to Paris and Belgium where John worked at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers of Europe (SHAPE).

After 20 years in the army, John retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. His last station of duty was Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The family stayed in Virginia and John worked for BellAtlantic. He loved to play tennis and go downhill skiing, skiing into his upper 70's.

Then in 2004, he moved to Kansas with his wife. Of all the worldwide places he had traveled, John adopted Kansas as his official home. He loved being with his wife's family at their old farmhouse, hunting and "telling stories" around the wood-burning stove. It is why he wanted to return to Kansas for his final days.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia Grill and their children, Cynthia Condore of Delray Beach, Florida, and Jeff Grill of Ocean Shores, Washington.

Visitation will be 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. John will be inurned at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

John's memorial service will be livestreamed on the funeral home's Facebook page. You can follow this link, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I was sad to hear of John’s passing. He left us all with lasting memories and wisdom. I still tell people stories of his doing backflips into your pool with my on his back when he was well into his 70s. What a life he lived! Sending love and prayer.*

Claire Harbaugh - January 16, 2024 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Pat, it breaks our heart for your family to hear of John's passing. Please know your many friends at Capper Foundation are holding you in our prayers and thoughts.*

Edie Smith - January 11, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Aunt Patsy, Jeff and Cindy*
We were so sorry to hear about Uncle John's passing. We always loved our time visiting with them and their hospitality. The time spent talking and trading stories around their table is precious to me. John always went out of his way to make me feel special. We will treasure his memory and keep you in our prayers. Love you Pam & Jay

Pamela Cain Beckom - January 11, 2024 at 01:49 PM