



## John Martin

October 30, 2013

John R. Martin, 70, of Topeka KS, passed away October 27, 2013, in Topeka, with his family by his side. John was born in Washington D.C. on April 23, 1943, the son of Edward and Kathryn (Kitchen) Redington. He moved to Kansas with his family and graduated from Topeka High and went to Washburn University. He married Elaine Carson on August 8, 1964. She survives of the home. His working career allowed him to move several times. He went back to Washington to work for the Univac Corporation and then to Omaha for Poloroid Corporation and Texas Instruments. One more move took him to Fremont CA to work for various computer companies. Eventually he started his own company, Phoenix Engineering, and John moved back to Topeka in 1990. John was always a family man very interested in his children and grandchildren and he was also active in the Big Brothers program. Also surviving John are his children, John Charles Martin (Susan), Denver CO, Scott Edward Martin (Leslie), Overland Park, KS, and Jennifer Martin Bills (Nathan), Butler KY; grandchildren, Abby Adams, Olivia and Noah Martin, Sophie and Ella Martin, Lauren and Treavor Jahnke and Aleena Martin Bills; brothers, Edward, Court and Peter Martin; brothers –in-law, James (Janelle), Mike and Mark (Angie) Carson; sister-in-law Connie Carson; several nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by a sister, Holly Martin, and his parents. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th St Topeka KS at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. Inurnment will follow immediately after Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. A visitation will be

at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish RD, Topeka KS 66614 on Wednesday from 6:00–8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Christ the King Parish for a youth program, sent in care of the funeral home, or an act of kindness or good will towards others in John's name would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Martin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Elaine, I just heard about John. You have my most sincere condolences. I always enjoyed talking to John at the KBA dinners.*

**Mike Sears** - November 12, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ *Elaine, I had the pleasure of working with both of you at the bank. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Carla Wilson** - November 04, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ *Jennifer, Nate, Aleena and family,  
My thoughts are with you today. Your good memories will flourish in the days and months to come and John will always bring a smile and warm your heart. Peace be with you.*

**Polly Hess** - October 31, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. Remembering a man with a brilliant mind. Recalling many happy times with a great family in Fremont. Thinking of you all with many thoughts and prayers.*

**Bill McHargue** - October 31, 2013 at 02:50 PM

SS

“ *Elane, my sympathy to you and your family. John was a classmate and friend at THS '61 and is very much missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.*

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**Steve Sanneman** - October 31, 2013 at 10:35 AM

HW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew John from when I started work at Dillons in 2003, back in the deli department. He used to come in all the time and would always stop by and hang out and talk about stuff- everything from things going on in the store that day, to life in general. He was one of those customers that I got to know on a personal level, and he really used to make my day coming in and chatting with me. I could've been having a horrible day at work, and John would show up and start a conversation or crack a joke, and make the day better. I was always glad to help him with anything he needed. I've also witnessed John's kindness myself on several occasions, such as helping a customer in front of him who was a little short on cash pay for the remainder of their groceries. I left Dillons at the beginning of 2012, and unfortunately lost touch with John shortly after that. I wish I had made it up in there more often to try to catch him. The world lost a wonderful person with John's passing, and he will surely never be forgotten. I'll certainly never forget him myself, because he made that much of an impression on me.*

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**Heath Warders** - October 31, 2013 at 08:21 AM

JB

“ *Dear Elaine and family members- John is now at peace in the arms of The Lord. Peace be with your family during this difficult time. You have our sincere sympathy and will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Joe & Cheryl Burkhart** - October 30, 2013 at 03:40 PM

RH

“ Marilyn (Gunnerson) was a classmate of John THS 61'  
My husband also helped John & Elaine at HealthWise 55  
he thought such a great couple.  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you. John was just a great guy.

*Richard & Marilyn Huncker*

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**Richard and Marilyn Huncker** - October 30, 2013 at 02:34 PM

GV

“ To the family of John Martin,  
I had the pleasure of delivering mail to the Martin home for many  
years. John would always come out to greet me with his jovial laugh  
and smiling face. It was the highlight of my day, because after  
talking to John, my day was a lot better!

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**Gary Vonderschmidt** - October 30, 2013 at 01:33 PM

JP

“ My sympathy to the family that John loved so much. While only  
knowing the family during their California years, I enjoyed the  
friendship of, and the humorous character that made me my family  
smile more than once. John will be lovingly missed by his family and  
we will all remember him fondly.

*John Procida  
Virginia Beach, VA.*

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**John Procida** - October 29, 2013 at 08:20 PM

KA

“ So sorry for you loss. John was a classmate of mine at Topeka  
High. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Kathleen Ramsey Arbogast** - October 29, 2013 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ *Sending our love and hugs to all of you in Kansas!*

*We are so sorry for you loss. Our memories of John is his silly stories, love for his family especially his grandkids, laughter, smiles, and his love for life and friendships.*

*In his honor, we are bagging lunches to the homeless here in Washington, DC. Again sending thoughts and prayers and many hugs!*

*The McDevitt Family  
Tom, Amylynn and Jack Jack*

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**The McDevitt Family** - October 29, 2013 at 08:53 AM

AZ

“ *Elaine and Family, Our sincere condolences. John was a very kind and gracious man. We always enjoyed visiting with him at Carson family get togethers. John had a way of making others feel welcome. It was our honor to get to know him and spend time together with him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. The Zentner's*

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**Arlen and Sunni Zentner** - October 29, 2013 at 08:53 AM