



John McEwen

March 14, 1948 - March 2, 2008

John Thomas McEwen, 59, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2008 after a four year battle with multiple myeloma. John was born March 14, 1948 in Kansas City, KS, the son of Berniece and John McEwen. He graduated from Wyandotte High in 1966 and from Fort Hays State University in 1970. On August 22, 1970, John and Lorraine Foster were married at St. Peter's Cathedral in Kansas City, KS. John worked in the insurance industry since 1970 and was with IMA for over 20 years. John is survived by his wife, Lorraine, their four daughters and their families: Sheila and Brent Roeder, Charlie, John, Kate and Ben; Kate and Chad Hansen, Abby and Jane; Ellen Schiefelbein and Dason Musick, Jack, Macy and Nora; and Norie McEwen. He also leaves his sister, Jan Davey, many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and 19 nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kevin Brennnan Family Funeral Home, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and burial at Mt. Calvary will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations of blood or monetary contributions may be made in his memory to the Community Blood Center, 800 SW Lane, Topeka, KS 66606.

Tribute Wall



“ *John McEwen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Kate and all the family - we are so sorry to hear about your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.*

Shannon Polly - March 17, 2008 at 11:45 AM



“ *I worked for an insurance company that John dealt with quite a lot and feel so fortunate to have known him. He was quite a mentor to me as I was working my way up the ladder. I will truly miss him and know that my thoughts and prayers are with everyone whom cared for him.*

Doni - March 12, 2008 at 08:58 PM



“ *I served on a producer advisory council for Hawkeye Security when John was the chair. I admired his abilities. He had a presence about him and obviously had the respect of everyone on the council. I felt honored to follow him as chair a few years later. I wish I would have known him on a personal level. I bet we would have been good friends. My prayers are with you.*

Dan Deener - March 11, 2008 at 03:43 PM

PB

“ Lorraine, my friend,
I was so terribly sorry to read about John's passing in the Kansas City Star. Though I really knew John only through you, and that, believe or not, was over 25 years ago, it is clear that he was a wonderful husband and father. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss, and I hope that your many special memories of him will be a source of comfort for you and for your girls. You are in my thoughts and my prayers, and I continue to treasure my memories of our times together in Topeka all those years ago.

Polly Brunkhardt - March 10, 2008 at 03:25 PM

JW

“ What a great picture! That's the smile I always saw when we ran into each other at auctions - especially if we were bidding on the same item!!!John was a fantastic father and coach. I am grateful for the personal interest he gave to Jeannette when she and Norie were teammates. As evidenced by his daughters, he made a great contribution to all of us with his life. We are grateful to have had his path cross ours and I know that he will live in our hearts through the many memories we will cherish. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his life.

Janice Waldo - March 04, 2008 at 08:20 PM

CD

“ I was so sorry to hear about John. I have such great memories of him all those he helped coach our softball team. I remember him joking a lot and I always remember him encouraging us. He must have been so proud of you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Christi (Wright) Desormiers - March 04, 2008 at 07:49 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry for your loss and please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeanie Reeves - March 04, 2008 at 05:39 PM

CM

“ Lorraine and Family, we are glad we had the opportunity to meet John although we did not have a chance to get to know him better. We are so fond of Ellen, Jack, Macy and Nora and our thoughts are with all of you at this time. Please let us know what we can do to help at this difficult time.

Charles (Chuck) and Evelyn Musick

Charles & Evelyn Musick - March 04, 2008 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ Dear Lorraine & family;
My thoughts & prayers are with you at this most difficult time for all of you.

May you find comfort in your faith & in the wonderful family memories as you process through this time of grieving.

I encourage you to let your friends help you, as it will also help them.

I have also found that if I just take one day at a time, it is not so overwhelming.

I am preparing for a total knee replacement next week. Therefore, I am staying away from crowds so I won't have any complications to prevent my surgery.

May the coming of Spring lift your spirits!

June McMaster

June McMaster - March 04, 2008 at 03:30 PM

KK

“ Lorraine and family -

What a joy it was to have known John, he could always light up a room. I feel blessed to have had the chance to meet him. My prayers are with you in this time of loss. He will be missed around the Cancer Center.

Katie Kaberline - March 04, 2008 at 02:00 PM

GS

“ Sheila, Brent and family. We are really sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Sheila, I thought you should know that your recent story about your dad has inspired me, as I have begun "the Sunday morning foot tap routine."

Greg & Corinna Spencer - March 04, 2008 at 12:02 PM

MW

“ Lorraine, Sheila, Kate, Ellen and Norie - I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man and I can remember how he always took time to be with you. I especially remember all of our early basketball days and what a great teacher your dad was. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Mandy (Urbom) Wiltse

Mandy Urbom Wiltse - March 04, 2008 at 11:48 AM

TB

“ Lorraine, Sheila, Kate, Ellen and Norie - We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. What a fun time in our lives when we shared the bleacher seats with the McEwens. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom and Kathy Bahner

Tom and Kathy Bahner - March 04, 2008 at 11:08 AM

LW

“ *Lorraine & Family, We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Lori (Rasdall) Wunder & Family
Evelyn Rasdall*

Lori Wunder - March 04, 2008 at 11:02 AM

JP

“ *Dear Lorraine and family:*

I wanted you to know I was thinking of you and your family. Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing people care and praying for you, maybe helps. I hope so. Please accept my sympathy on the loss of John.

I know you all have wonderful memories of John, and so do his friends and relatives. I just remember, whenever I would see him, he had such a pleasant smile and was friendly.

Sincerely,

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Jackie Campbell Petersen - March 04, 2008 at 08:22 AM

RH

“ *Sheila, Brent and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda Hale - March 03, 2008 at 11:09 PM

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I fondly remember big John and Kate in the station wagon traveling to all those softball games--- not to mention that loud voice saying "move it, move it, move it" in the first base coaching box. What wonderful memories I have. He will be missed.

Mendy (Simecka) Ebberts - March 03, 2008 at 10:38 PM

PC

“ To John's family: John was a student in my third grade class at Parker Grade School in Kansas City, Kansas. I was sorry to read of his death and send you my sincere sympathy. I have to tell you that he was a nice young lad. While playing baseball one day, I was telling all the children to stand back before John swung the bat. At that moment John swung and hit me in the forehead. I always told him he could brag someday that he hit his teacher with a ball bat, Did he?

Pat Clifford - March 03, 2008 at 08:54 PM

FS

“ We are saddened to hear about John's passing. He was a nice man who gave everyone around him enjoyment. We are so sorry.
Fredrick & Ruth Stebbins

Fredrick & Ruth Stebbins - March 03, 2008 at 05:01 PM

KU

“ Dear Lorraine, Sheila, Kate, Ellen and Norie: Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you as you face John's passing. You are a part of our memories and experiences, and we identify in many ways with you as a family, including sons in law and grandchildren. John, and each of you, will stay a part of us. With love, Paul and Kathleen Urbom

Kathleen Urbom - March 03, 2008 at 04:45 PM

LJ

“ Lorraine,

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. John was a wonderful man who loved his family dearly. I'm glad Velma introduced me to you and John. Hold tight to your memories of the man who gave so much. He will be missed.

Linda Jeffrey - March 03, 2008 at 03:44 PM

HP

“ Mrs. McEwen, Sheila, Kate, Ellen, Norie and his family, All the prayers offered for his recovery will now be passed to you for strength and healing. I am so sorry for your loss. Holly (Urbom) Palacio

Holly Urbom Palacio - March 03, 2008 at 03:00 PM

CF

“ Lorraine and girls,

I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. May the strength of our Lord comfort you and give you strength. He was a very special man, and will be missed by many.

Carolyn Francis

Carolyn Francis - March 03, 2008 at 02:50 PM

JD

“ I was so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Your family has always meant alot to mine. He was such a great support to his children. I will never forget the smile he wore around his special daughters and grandchildren. May your strength of family and God guide you through this difficult time.

Jamie Goehring DeLong - March 03, 2008 at 01:56 PM

MG

“ What a special man!!His devotion to his family is evidenced by all of you. He was a great coach not only on the basketball court but off the court as well. Patti and I will always cherish the memory of John . Lorraine , Shelia, Kate, Ellen and Norie you will always be cherished by Patti and I. We are all with you in this difficult time, but God will give you an assist. Mike & Patti Goehring

Mike & Patti Goehring - March 03, 2008 at 11:56 AM

RB

“ Lorraine, Shelia and girls--I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May all your memories comfort you through this difficult time.

Raelynn Bervert - March 03, 2008 at 11:32 AM

BD

“ Fathers are so special! I'm sorry, Sheila, Kate, Ellen and Norie, that you have to grieve this loss. Your dad was an excellent example of a father. He was so involved in your lives and even let me feel like a member of your family,something I am always grateful for. Praying that you all receive strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Becky Dodge - March 03, 2008 at 10:28 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear about your lose. John was an amazing father! I grew up with Ellen and had many slumber parties at the McEwen house in Middle School. He was a great basketball coach and many of my memories of TYB are of him. He will be missed.

Shelly Domnanish - March 03, 2008 at 08:44 AM

MH

“ I worked with John for many years in the insurance industry. He was a fine person. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. He is now in God's hands.

Mary Lou Hanson - March 03, 2008 at 08:28 AM