



John Frederick Simpson

February 13, 1955 - April 14, 2017

John Simpson, 62, of Lebanon, Kansas passed away peacefully on April 14, 2017.

John was born to Beverly (Post) Simpson and the late Richard Simpson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on February 13, 1955. He grew up in Topeka, Kansas where he graduated from Topeka West High School. He attended Kansas State University and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He later entered the plumbing trade and worked on construction projects across Kansas for many years.

John was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams were the KSU Wildcats, KC Chiefs and the KC Royals, that he supported through good times and bad. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing in the Lebanon area with his family, friends and dogs. His home was a popular venue for guests during hunting season. John had a number of dogs through the years and they were always by his side whether at home or riding with him in his truck. His Brittany, Jenny, was a favorite of his.

John's interest in genealogy research allowed him to trace ancestors back to the Revolutionary War and the Mayflower. He created a large family tree that prompted people from all over the country to contact him seeking information about his research in Smith and surrounding counties.

John treasured his friendships with friends from Topeka and Lebanon. John hosted many a BBQ at his home. His family and friends will always remember and love John for his sincere care of others. He was always available to help others out. John had a big heart but, unfortunately, not a strong heart.

John was preceded in death by his father, Richard Simpson. He is survived by his parents, Gary and Bev Bothwell; brothers, Bob Simpson (Sandy) and Greg Bothwell (Karen); sister, Tammy Dishman (Jeff); nephews, Gray Bothwell (Kristin), Caleb Dishman (Linda); great-nephew, Liam Bothwell; as well as aunts, cousins and many friends.

Honoring John's wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date for John along with his aunt and uncle at Oak Creek. Family and friends will be notified of details in the near future.

John's final resting place will be North Oak Creek Cemetery in Smith County, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to North Oak Creek Cemetery, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Frederick Simpson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



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gary jepson - April 20, 2017 at 10:59 PM



Kari and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to family. John was a big reason we moved our family to Lebanon several years ago. He introduced us to many of our current friends through his BBQ's and parties. I always enjoyed his friendship, hospitality, and great cooking. He always had more than enough food for those of us who might just stop in at meal time. John was generous with his home, his time, and friendship. Till we meet again!

gary jepson - April 20, 2017 at 11:15 PM

SS

“ My thoughts go out to Gary, Bev, Bob, Greg and Tammy. John was truly one of the “good ones”. My late Dad, who was a pretty good judge of character, affectionately referred to John as “Big John” and maintained a sincere fondness for John. It is easy to understand why. Until the day he passed, my Dad was always asking me..... “How’s Big John?” “Have you seen Big John”?.....”Is Big John still in Lebanon?”, and so on. Well, this weekend I privately told my Dad that “Big John” was doing well, and that he was at peace now. Perhaps they can now share a beer together again. Steve Schuster

steve schuster - April 19, 2017 at 11:34 AM

DB

“ I am so very sad to hear about John. Never did I know a kinder gentler person. So many memories of our days at KSU. I know you are all just so sad. My thoughts go out to the whole family. Diane Loughbom Ball

diane ball - April 19, 2017 at 09:03 AM

TM

“ My childhood memories have always included cousin John. He will be missed.

Tanner



Tanner Mayhew - April 18, 2017 at 10:45 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear about John. He was a great guy to know for forty plus years and I will always remember his jolly, positive spirit. We all had a lot of great times for so many of our younger years and I will always remember them. So many dinners and parties at the Bothwell house and cabin, hunting trips and partying in Lebanon at John's house -- all great lifetime memories with John and family.

Bob Jennings

Bob Jennings - April 18, 2017 at 07:01 PM

MG

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. We had so much fun at the Royal's games or drinking a few cold ones at Speck's. He will always be remembered as a special friend.

Mike Gassen

mike gassen - April 18, 2017 at 02:49 PM

SH

“ I'm so very sorry to learn of John's passing. He was always fun to be around and I'll never forget a day he spent with Tammy, Bev and me at a Kansas City Chief's game. John will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Susie Hoffmann - April 18, 2017 at 09:34 AM