



John C. Walquist

July 20, 1942 - June 9, 2009

John C. Walquist, 66, of Topeka, formerly of Lawrence, passed away Tues. June 9, 2009 at Stormont Vail Health Center.

He was born July 20, 1942 in Topeka, the son of the late Scherl and Agatha Bean Walquist.

John attended Topeka public schools, graduating from Topeka High School in 1960. He attended Stanford University and graduated from Washburn University in 1965. During his high school years, John worked as a disc jockey for KTOP and WREN radio stations in Topeka, going by the on air personality name of "Johnny Ford". He later went to work as a commercial pilot for United Airlines, retiring as Captian after 30 years of service. John then worked for Stephens Realty in Lawrence for 13 years. He also served on the Washburn Alumni Board and was a reader for Audio Reader in Los Angeles and Lawrence.

John married Sally Shirk in Topeka in 1963. They were divorced in 2007.

Survivors include a daughter, Lori Houk (Kent) of Lawrence; a son Todd Walquist of Kansas City, MO and two grandsons, Coleman and Chase Houk of Lawrence.

In keeping with John's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are

planned.

Memorial contributions may be given to Audio Reader and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Walquist*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To: the family members of John C. Walquist:*

We were very sorry to learn in the Lawrence Journal World of 6/11/09 of John's sudden passing. Jim had a warm, friendly relationship with John over the years when they both worked at Stephen's Real Estate. They enjoyed many conversations about John's flying career, as Jim also flew small aircraft when he was young. Jim and John did some flying together, taking aerial photos of Stephen's property listings, finding it fun and enjoyable! John was always pleasant, and we missed him greatly when he left Stephens and moved to Topeka. We still miss him, even now.

Warm wishes, Jan and Jim Erland

Jan and Jim Erland - June 23, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ *Mary Lou and I are so saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a good friend and Tom's fraternity father at Phi Delta Theta at Washburn University. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Tom Grimes - June 19, 2009 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Dear Walquist Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. All of our best wishes go out to you and yours.

Ian, Kristy & Owen Cheng

Ian Cheng - June 11, 2009 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Bob and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father Lori. We send our thoughts and sympathy to you and your family.*

Bob and Linnae - June 11, 2009 at 09:45 AM