



John A. Martinsen

June 30, 1943 - June 4, 2020

On June 4, 2020, John Arthur Martinsen, age 76, passed away from cancer at home in Corvallis, OR surrounded by his loving family. Born in New York City, John was the son of Clarence and Doris Martinsen. He spent his childhood in New York City prior to moving to Washington State to attend college. He received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Walla Walla College, WA and his Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Washington State University in Pullman, WA. In 1967 he married the love of his life, Linda, in Puyallup, WA and they moved to the Chicago area where they lived for 10 years and had three children. In 1977 he moved to Corvallis, OR with his family. John worked for CH2M Hill in Corvallis approximately 20 years as an environmental engineer, and changed careers to become a financial advisor/manager with Wells Fargo until his retirement this year. John had a passion for community service, volunteering in many areas, including church, his children's school, Trillium Family Services (Children's Farm Home), Lumina Hospice (Benton Hospice), Greenbelt Land Trust and with the Corvallis Rotary Club. He had a love for the outdoors, rafting, skiing, running, golf, hiking, mountain climbing, reading, sports, ice cream, Linda's chocolate chip cookies and activities with family and friends. Always an adventurous spirit, John had been planning to ride the zip line at Mt. Bachelor for his 77th birthday this year. John was well known for his humor, generous and kind spirit, and excellent memory. He was a great listener, and always made others feel good about themselves. Three years ago, to celebrate their 50th wedding

anniversary, John and Linda enjoyed an Alaskan cruise with their children and grandchildren. Last summer, he enjoyed touring the Serengeti with family and several friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, aunts and uncles. John is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Julie Kimitsuka and her husband Richard; sons, Brian Martinsen and Thomas Martinsen; grandchildren, Sarah and Daniel Kimitsuka; brother, Edward Martinsen and his wife, Libby; cousin, Edward Ericson and his wife, Kim; and cousin, Ruth Wolsch. Memorial donations in John's name may be directed to Trillium Family Services (Children's Farm Home). To follow John's request, a private family celebration of his life took place prior to his death. Family and friends plan to ride the new zip line at Mt. Bachelor in honor of John's life. Please share condolences and memories for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about John. Will never forget that beautiful kitchen he got you. Know you have good family to support you. Miss you and have such fond memories of working with you can picking you up in the mornings when we'd go to seminars. John would always be up to see you off.

Take care and my sympathies to you and your family.

Kelly Tharp

Kelly Tharp - June 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ It was my pleasure to be lightly acquainted with John through his excellent service and counsel as a financial advisor. I randomly stepped into his office at a time of need, and immediately it was evident that he embodied all the kindly, loving capable qualities mentioned in his obituary and elaborated upon by others. May his family and dear friends be comforted and sustained by their many wonderful memories of this fine man.

Doreene Carpenter

C D Carpenter - June 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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“ Dearest Linda and Family: Rex and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. We have missed being your across the street neighbors for the past 4 1/2 years. We always enjoyed our evening or weekend chats with both you and John. May he rest in peace and may your precious memories help heal your broken heart. Much Love, Rex & JoAnne Sedlacek

JoAnne Sedlacek - June 17, 2020 at 01:23 AM

CD

“ John welcomed me to Corvallis and to CH2M HILL in 1987. He was my group leader, mentor, and friend, and an important influence on my career. After he left CH2M HILL for the world of finance, we remained friends, and I particularly enjoyed seeing him around town over the years. John's skills as a project manager and staff manager made working with him a joy. His quiet sense of humor and the sparkle in his eyes added to the atmosphere of our group. I am sorry to know that I will not be seeing him, and know that he will be missed by many. My condolences to Linda and their family. I can only imagine the wealth of memories that you have of John, and hope those are a source of comfort in the time ahead.

*Blessings to you and yours,
Cindy Dahl*

Cindy Dahl - June 15, 2020 at 10:57 AM

HM

“ So sorry to read of John's passing. He was always so involved in his children's school at CVCS, serving on the board as chairman and always a willing parent. Blessings to Linda and his children Julie, Brian and Tom.

Harriet Mills - June 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CM

“ Dear Linda, I knew John through you, my dear friend. He was your loving and caring husband and father to your children. May your lives be filled with zip line rides and many wonderful memories.

RIP John. ❤️ Carlene Moorefield

Carlene Moorefield - June 13, 2020 at 05:10 AM

RT

“ We are all deeply saddened by John's passing. He was a kind, supportive and very personable Rotarian and will be greatly missed. He joined The Rotary Club of Corvallis 23 years ago and, through Rotary, helped us improve the lives of so many, both here and abroad.
We send our heartfelt condolences to Linda.

Rob and Jan Thurston - June 11, 2020 at 05:15 PM

PN

“ Our success as Rotarians and citizens of the world relies on strong, quiet supporters of our international projects. Without them we would achieve nothing. John gave our projects more support than most of us knew. Thousands of poor and sick babies, children and the elderly in Mexico, Thailand, and Ukraine can be grateful to John. Overseas partners like Nantana Panitpacha & Siri can better attest to the impact John had on so many less fortunate people in Thailand. I recall his unwavering guidance and support, and we all offer Linda and his family our sincerest condolences. You made a difference John. Thank you my fellow Rotarian and fellow American.
Peter Nyholm

Peter Nyholm - June 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM

KS

“ John was a leader on the board at Children's Farm Home and was a strong voice in driving the mergers that created Trillium Family Services. He was a caring person, an advocate for children and families and a trusted advisor.

Kim Scott, CEO, Trillium Family Services

Kim Scott - June 09, 2020 at 11:55 PM



SB

“ *John and I worked together at AG Edwards 20 years ago. He was a good man, mentor and friend. May he Rest In Peace.*

Sean Branigan

Sean Branigan - June 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM