



John Shearing

March 31, 1937 - June 18, 2018

John (Jack) Wallace Shearing, 81, passed away on June 18, 2018, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his family by his side.

John was born on March 31, 1937, in Toronto, Canada, to John and Edith (Bowman) Shearing, who emigrated from England. He had one younger brother, Donald. John married Beverley Broneldia Herrington in 1956. They raised two daughters, Lisa-Gaye and Lorraine. In 1984, the couple moved to Tulsa.

John was dedicated to his family. In later years, he was a devoted caregiver for Beverley. John and Beverley celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in 2017. They cherished their pets, including rescue dog Marley. John had presence—everyone remarked on his deep “broadcaster” voice, which, along with his height and humor, made an impression on people. He gained friends wherever he went.

John served in the Royal Canadian Navy and enjoyed traveling by sea to Japan. He was a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). During the last 20 years of his career, John worked for Hilti Inc., in Toronto and Tulsa, retiring as Chief Financial Officer for Hilti Western Hemisphere. He served on the boards of the local YMCA, Goodwill Industries of Tulsa, and Delta Dental of Oklahoma, acting as chairman of the board for a time at the latter two. John was an active member of Financial Executives Institute (FEI).

John excelled at almost anything he put his mind to: he was a skilled home repairman and an excellent electrician. When he was younger, John played the trombone and snowmobiled, and, in middle age, he began waterskiing.

He and Beverley adored their cabin and boating on Grand Lake as well as travel. John delighted in his cars and loved to read and play card games. He was quick-witted and relished a good joke. After retiring, he spent many happy hours on the golf course.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife, Beverley, and his parents. He is survived by

daughters, Lisa-Gaye (Michael) Mead of Joplin, Missouri, and Lorraine (Robert) Peters of Chicago, Illinois, and grandchildren, Spencer and Julianne Mead of Joplin. He is also survived by brother Donald (Mary) Shearing, of Whitby, Ontario, Canada, and nephews, Bradley (Kristy) Shearing and Kyle (Diana Emond) Shearing, and great-niece, Corinne, all of Ontario, Canada.

We will remember John for his love, humor, charisma, and intelligence.

Visitation, 3pm-7pm, Friday, June 22, and 10am-11am, Saturday, June 23. Memorial service, 11:30am, Saturday, June 23, followed by a luncheon. All will be held at Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, Tulsa. Burial later at Highland Memory Gardens in Willowdale (Toronto). Flowers are welcome. Memorial contributions may be made to Goodwill Industries of Tulsa. Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 918-291-3500.

Comments



“ Wow - your Dad sounds like such a great dad - a wonderful foundation to have for meeting life and its challenges as well as its victories. I am so sorry for your loss but know he will live on in all your memories of him. You and your family thoughts are in our thoughts Lorraine and Bob.

Victoria Sterling & Phil Friedman - June 26, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ My husband Dave and I have known John and his family for over 20 years. We have a lot of wonderful memories. John was funny, caring and loyal. He will be greatly missed not only by us but by all the many people whose lives he touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa Gaye, Lorraine and their families.

Shirley Cleveland - June 21, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ Our condolences to your family at this difficult time. May knowing that others are thinking of you help in some small way to bring your comfort. Tell his stories - remember the good times - think of his laugh - these will keep his spirit alive in your heart. May he rest in the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Love, Gary and Linda

Gary and Linda Mead - June 21, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ We are saddened for your loss & praying comfort for you, dear Lorraine & family. Your dad certainly had a presence and a sparkle in his eye. Cherish all those fond memories with him and know he's together in spirit with your sweet mother. Blessings to each of you during this tender time! With loving thoughts and prayers, Lee, Dianna, Matt, Mark, & Micah Mills

Lee & Dianna Mills - June 21, 2018 at 01:23 PM