



John H. Stevens

July 18, 1940 - August 2, 2021

JOHN H. STEVENS

Martinsville-John H. Stevens passed away August 2, 2021, after a tough six year battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life Memorial of John's life will be held on August 21 at 2:00pm at the Monrovia United Methodist Church, Church Street, Monrovia.

John was born to Herbert and Kathleen (Mills) Stevens in Guildford, Surry Co., England in 1940. A German Nazi bomb that hit one end of the hospital hastened John's birth and may have contributed to his active life. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, an adopted war orphan, Richard A. Stevens. John is survived by his wife Kathleen (Gould) Stevens and son Pieterjon Hoffmann, daughter Anna Ward (Brad), and grandsons Jackson Ward, Carter Ward, Alexander Ward, and twins Zachery and Mason Ward. John loved, and was very much loved, by his family. He leaves close cousins living in Cornwall, England.

John was a world traveler having been around the world at least four times. He graduated from University of London and BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) College. He recorded a small, popular group from Liverpool before their first trip to the U.S. on the Ed Sullivan Show. They were the Beatles and they got along very well. John moved up to RCA Limited as a manager and was asked

to come to RCA Broadcasting in Camden, NJ to teach the electronics engineers how to develop color TV in this country. He was awarded seven patents for RCA and traveled to China, Africa, and other countries with a small group of engineers to install TV stations. He was asked by World Book Encyclopedia to write the chapter on electronic engineering which he did in simplistic wording.

John enjoyed sailing, Rally Racing (when younger), mountain climbing, and many other activities, but most important to him was having fun with his family. John and Kathleen took their children mountain climbing in Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. He never bragged about his many accomplishments; never had a harsh word about anyone (a very rare thing). He was a true gentleman.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in John's memory, please search Facebook for Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel or visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Monrovia United Methodist Church
60 Church St
Monrovia, IN 46157

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Stevens.*



August 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *John was a true gentleman and a scholar. I met him at the VideoDisc workshop in 2016. He would do anything he could to help someone get a CED player working and helped me many times. John's knowledge of electronics and the CED system was extensive and I could on wish to be that knowledgeable. Our community won't be the same now that he is gone, but his memory will live on forever through people keeping the magic of CED alive. RIP.*

Justin Brickner - August 09, 2021 at 01:16 AM



“ *Scott Thornton wrote a sympathy message*
“Our deepest sympathy for Kathleen & family on John's passing. They are both good friends. I became friends with John through our shared hobby, for the last 11 years. He instructed at our annual workshop. My wife got to visit a few times. We always had a good time! We were fortunate to have John, & Kathleen at our workshop 2 months ago, I'm so glad I got to see him again. May God send to his family the peace that passes all understanding, through this difficult time. Scott Thornton

Scott Thornton - August 08, 2021 at 01:42 PM

HS

“ *Holly Satterly lit a candle in memory of John H. Stevens*



Holly Satterly - August 06, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Every time I saw John he had the biggest smile on his face. He was an amazing man and will be dearly missed. Prayers and love, Kathleen. Rest easy John.*



Madison Collings - August 06, 2021 at 04:21 PM

RG

“ *What a loss of a great man. He was such a pleasure to have a part of our Church Family. I will miss him dearly. Kathleen much love and many prayers for you my friend. Rest easy John.*



Reta Gibbs - August 06, 2021 at 07:18 AM



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Scott Thornton - August 05, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Kathleen I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. Kathleen You and John really added a lot to the church. We will sure miss him!



Vivian Lee - August 04, 2021 at 08:20 PM