



John Paul Murphy

September 7, 1950 - March 2, 2021

John Paul Murphy, 70 of Kearney passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

John Paul Murphy was born September 7, 1950 in Kearney, Nebraska to Charles and M. Barbara Murphy.

He is survived by 12 siblings, Tom Murphy of Kihei, HI, Charlene (Bruce) Moats of Kearney, Ed (Vera) Murphy of WaKeeney, KS, Mary Dady of San Antonio, Jane (Brian) Moody of Kearney, Patrick (Veronica) Murphy of Kearney, Jim Murphy of Kearney, Marty Murphy of Denver, CO, Kate Murphy of Kearney, Mike (Sandi) Murphy of Baker, FL, Joe (Aiko) Murphy of Chandler, AZ and Sheila Murphy of Omaha; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Jackson Murphy; special friend, Ilene Anson.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *A wonderful man taken much too soon. I was lucky enough to be a classmate. John was loved by everyone. He will be missed!!!!*

Roberta Slaughter - March 13, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *I met John years ago at Rowe Sanctuary, and I knew then he would be my friend for life. It saddens me that he has left this earth, but if ever a man could soar with the Cranes in his delight and enthusiasm over the spectacle that occurred every year on the Platte River, it was John. My only consolation is that he is with dear Margery Nicolson, who left us last year. One of my favorite memories of John is when he would make his famous chocolate chip cookies in the volunteer and staff kitchen at Rowe. After standing in the blinds and fighting the wind and cold for hours, NOTHING tasted better than John's cookies!*

Rest in peace, dear Man.

Love always - your Los Angeles Friend, Lisa



Lisa Fimiani - March 12, 2021 at 06:44 PM

TR

“ I went to school with John at Kearney Catholic. He was calm, cool and collected. Great athlete and friend. Never a bad word and could handle any situation. Great representative of the Murphy family. Everybody who knew him will miss his presence.

Tim Richter - March 12, 2021 at 10:27 AM

BH

“ Much love and support for all as we adjust to this sudden event that changes our lives in many ways. Grateful that my last time with John was filled with lots of belly laughter. His dedication to sharing nature events will continue to challenge and inspire me. So grateful to have known him.

Beverly Hof-Miller - March 06, 2021 at 08:04 AM

BH

“ Beverly Hof-Miller lit a candle in memory of John Paul Murphy



Beverly Hof-Miller - March 06, 2021 at 07:57 AM

FM

“ We are sorry to hear of John's passing. We are sending prayers for comfort to the whole family. Kelly & Fran Murr



Fran Murr - March 05, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MS

“ I didn't know John well, but I remember one time sitting in the break room at Rowe Sanctuary when John walked in. His very presence commanded respect and attention, and when he spoke, I realized that I would be wise to listen to what he had to say. I will miss him.
Mike Smith, Eugene, OR

Michael Smith - March 05, 2021 at 04:16 PM

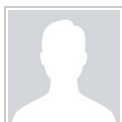
TF

“ Murphy family,

Our hearts are saddened by the sudden passing of our friend John. Its rare to find a man that had John's qualities. John's love of his siblings, his compassion, adventure, gentleness, his ability to make one feel at ease, his love of nature and the love of teaching whether in a classroom or in bird blind, field trip, road trip, star gazing or just sitting around a table enjoying a good meal and glass of wine with friends. Now, when we gaze up in the night or early morning sky and see the stars, we know our friend is up there shining down on us...you will be missed John! Gene & Tammey Frick



Tammey Frick - March 04, 2021 at 09:49 AM



*I'm very saddened by the news of Mr. Murphy's passing. We worked closely together for a number of years and he was the consummate professional and a terrific role model for both staff and youth. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to all of John's friends and family.
Dusty Trosper*

Dusty Trosper - March 06, 2021 at 08:47 AM

TF

“ *Murphy family,*

Our hearts are truly saddened with the passing of our friend John. His gentle spirit, his awesome smile , his love for nature will be missed. We spent many good times with him and every time we will look up at the night sky we will think of him as one of the new stars that the universe has gained. May your star always shine bright John!

Gene & Tammey



Tammey frick - March 04, 2021 at 12:14 AM

TO

“ *Murphs a good man. I've known that for a long time. He was good as a teacher of youth with realistic expectations yet still challenging them. He thought outside the box and brought birding to those young men and doing environmental projects with them. He was passionate and compassionate. He loved his Murphy siblings. May his memory be eternal.*

Tim O'Dea - March 03, 2021 at 08:25 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wright lit a candle in memory of John Paul Murphy*



Mary Wright - March 03, 2021 at 07:53 PM

RB

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Rex Bavousett - March 03, 2021 at 05:39 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I was fortunate enough to work with him for a couple of years, and had him as a mentor. We shared a love of wildlife, in which he especially enjoyed birds. We often watched birds out our adjoining classroom windows, and counted up to 51 different species. John was friendly and helpful to all. Yesterday, I heard Canada Geese fly over head and also spotted a flock of Sand Hill Cranes. I imagine his spirit is ready to take flight with the coming migration! We love you John! You will be missed, but not forgotten.

Rex, Jan and Ian Bavousett

Rex Bavousett - March 03, 2021 at 05:30 PM