



## John George Drewes

January 12, 1939 - October 30, 2021

John Drewes, 82, of Bloomington, IN, peacefully passed into his heavenly eternal home on Friday, October 30, 2021. He was at Cedarhurst with his wife of 57 years, Beth, by his bedside. He was born on January 12, 1939 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was the son of Charles and Jean (Antonik) Drewes. He served in the US Army from 1957 to 1959 and then started his collegiate days at Oklahoma City University for two years. He then successfully transferred to Indiana University, Bloomington to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in Music Education with a minor in Musicology. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas John (TJ) Drewes and his only sibling, Charles Drewes, Jr, has only sibling. John is survived by his children, Jim (James) of Tampa, FL and Julie of Bloomington, IN, plus his loyal, much-loved red-haired service dog, Gracie. Survivors also include Marie (Drewes) DiCicca in FL and Teresa (Drewes) Forster, Charles Louis and John Michael Drewes, in N.J.

John was passionate about his faith, his family, his business, and music. Music was part of his mind and heart even when he lost total hearing in his later years. John, the young boy from the streets of Bayonne, was saved by personnel, friendships, and music via The St. Vincent's Cadets marching drum corps. He came to believe a love of music, a God-given enrichment, could be a constant for all. He spent many years teaching music to hundreds of youth. When he transitioned out of a professional music career to begin a career in business, he never stopped encouraging young and old alike to try live

performances of different genres of music, especially musical theatre and opera. And there was no better place to try than Bloomington, Indiana!

From his very successful business career of 40 years in FL and IN, from his seminars around the country, from his clients to seasoned businessmen, to those fresh out of college trying to find a job in financial planning, he was an educator and motivator. John gave every man or woman a chance to learn, who in turn would help others. He wanted to encourage and support those who were trying to improve their own life. He believed anyone could achieve their dreams. He inspired and taught many how to develop and run their own businesses. John was forever the optimist now living beyond his physical body.

John's love for his family was deep and unconditional. He was determined to care, protect, and provide. He liked to travel and have his 3 children along so their worlds could be expanded. But his words of "I know a shortcut" were not always met with glee! He, in fact, was a dad to many more than just his own children, always listening when someone asked for help, encouragement or safety. Time and time again, people tell of receiving his wise advice. He found humanity needy in all of us, first and foremost in himself. God's Word was his rudder.

John's quiet outward demeanor, especially the last decade of his life full of trials and challenges, was fueled by Christ's spirit. It enabled him to sustain and grow in inner peace, assurance, love, praise, and ever-present thanksgiving in his heart and on his lips. He was constantly reciting the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23.

The family would like to thank the staff at Cedarhurst and Southern Care Hospice for their compassionate care and to many others who showed John unexpected acts of kindness. Memorial contributions can be sent to the

YMCA, Scholarships of all, at 2125 South Highland Ave. Bloomington, 47401  
or Christ Community Church, Children's Ministries, at 503 South High Street,  
Bloomington, IN 47401.

Pastors from Christ Community Church, Bob Whitaker and John Mangrum will  
officiate a memorial service on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Allen  
Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington.  
Family will receive friends from 12Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.  
Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and  
friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Truly a great man, taught me so much as a kid,,which I would have stayed in touch, during the latter years,he taught me,the world isn't so small,he taught me class,he was a greater man than any obituary could have written,you don't know,what a great man he was, unless you really knew him

Jason Hoffman - September 01, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John George Drewes.



December 01, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John George Drewes.



December 01, 2021 at 08:52 PM

Jl

“ Dear Beth: We're so sorry about John's passing. We so enjoyed living near you both in Blue Ridge and appreciated how much you welcomed us into your lives. John was a real dear and I have many fun memories of his dry humor and hearty laugh. He always had a kind word or a great wise crack. we miss him. You, Jim, Julie and Gracie are in our thoughts during this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do and definitely count me in if you need a friend to go to any shows, ballets, or music events. All our love, Jillian and Jo

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**Jillian** - December 01, 2021 at 08:14 PM

JH

Mr Drewes educated me in ways of the world,taught me culture,my parents couldn't,he was like a 2nd parent,very kind man,I'll remember him taking us to late movies,and showing us food I had no idea about,every summer he'd go to Europe,I wish so bad he would have taken me,he was a good guy,wish he never left the island,would love to walk over,and shoot the breeze

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**Jason Hoffman** - March 06, 2022 at 12:32 PM

“Dearest John, accompanied by Beth and faithful Gracie, were great participants at our HLAA Indianapolis Chapter Meetings. We will all miss John and his enthusiasm to support the chapter's efforts to help improve accessibility for the hard of hearing community in Indiana. He was so supportive of change for the good to benefit many. A strong legacy to leave behind.

*Members of the Indianapolis HLAA Chapter  
(HLAA Hearing Loss Association of America)*

*Judy Bell*

*Julie & Bob Benson*

*Kitty Berger*

*Diane Blasingame*

*Chris Bradley*

*Betty Brown*

*Stacey Bunes*

*Emily Caudill*

*Mike Dailey*

*Beth Drewes*

*Jena Fahlbush*

*Deb & Steve Ferree*

*Carol Frohlich*

*Ray Furner*

*Teresa Gonzalez*

*Don Grayson*

*Laurie Hardin*

*Cindy Helmich*

*Ted Huber*

*Julie Hudson*

*Kat Imhausen*

*Ella & John Hurrell*

*Vandana Kadandale*

*Ellie Myers*

*Teri Ouellette*

*Cathy & Lynn Phillips*

*Lindy Powell*

*Colleen Rozmaryn*

*Jenifer Scott*

*Wayne & Sandra Slater*

*Paula Sutton*

*Louise Tipton*

*Tina Hilton & Bruce Wiseman*

*Ernie Zellner*

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**Ella Hurrell** - November 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM

EH

“ *Ella Hurrell lit a candle in memory of John George Drewes*



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**Ella Hurrell** - November 30, 2021 at 01:52 PM

EH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ella Hurrell** - November 30, 2021 at 10:50 AM

TH

“ *Beth - reconnecting on the Rhine cruise umpteen years ago was fantastic, and then I'm so happy that you and John included us when you came to Colorado. We loved the operas at Central City - something we'd never done before and have done several times since - always thinking about you and John. Our deepest condolences to you, Jim & Julie and I gotta believe John is listening to some wonderful music - again. Tim & Ruth*

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**Tim Hoar** - November 22, 2021 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ *It was wonderful to know John! We had no idea what we were doing buying a house, and he was so fair & so fatherly - as the seller! - in leading that process. In all the little touches since then, he was the epitome of grace & kindness - we miss him!*

*- Markus & Stephanie Dickinson*

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**Markus Dickinson** - November 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Dear Beth,  
Don & I were so saddened to read John's obituary in the paper this morning. We had no idea he was ill. It just seems like just yesterday that he & I were chatting at the Y, with Gracie at his side - but now that I think it must have been before Covid!*

*I am so sorry we have lost touch. You and John were so welcoming when we moved to Bloomington and we shared so many musical events together. I am also thinking about your wonderful dinner parties and receptions - John was such a perfect host including his perfect wine pairings!*

*Beth, my last e-mail to you came back - hopefully we can get "in touch" again. Please know that I am holding you, Jim and Julie close to my heart and sending comforting thoughts in sympathy to you. Peace and Love, Sandra & Don*

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**Sandra Freund** - November 18, 2021 at 04:28 PM