



## John Francis Harmon

June 27, 1955 - January 20, 2022

John Francis Harmon, 66, of Bloomington, passed away on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on June 27, 1955 in Bloomington; the son of Homer and Una Faye (Hawkins) Harmon.

John graduated from Edgewood High School, the class of 1973 before briefly attending Indiana University. On September 12, 1981, he married the love of his life, Peggy. Their two daughters, Macy and Maggie, were the greatest source of pride and happiness for John.

John was an entrepreneur in his early career, opening the first one hour photo business in Bloomington followed by a commercial photography business in Indianapolis. After returning to Bloomington in 1994, John worked contractor sales at Rogers. A longtime member of the IATSE Local 618 union, he worked for many years at the IU Auditorium. For the past 26 years, John has been the Sound and Light Technician for IU Athletics.

Nothing defined John more than his sense of humor and ability to tell a story. A jack of all trades, John particularly enjoyed woodworking, golfing, and playing the guitar. Anyone that has driven down Smith Pike has seen John on a mower, carefully mowing the croquet court, tee box, and bocce ball court. Above all else, his most cherished time was spent with his grandsons.

John is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Harmon; daughters, Macy Harmon (Ross Hughes) and Maggie (Zack) Parrish; grandchildren, Mack Francis Parrish and Hudson Scott Parrish; and an abundance of beloved family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Harmon.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Visitation will follow the service from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, honor John's legacy by building a new memory with loved ones infused with joy and laughter. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ I loved working and visiting with John at IU events. We both graduated from high school in 1973 and enjoyed joking about our old age and if he was ever going to retire. I will truly miss him at IU events and getting an occasional golf cart ride with him. It won't seem like a real IU event without John!

Deanna Turner - February 02, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - February 01, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JR

“ When our son Ross moved to America, to be with Macy, I have to be honest, I was worried about him.  
Then we got to know Peg and John and the worries disappeared, I know Ross looked to John as a son would a father and for the caring and love that John showed Ross, I will be eternally grateful. We only met a few times when we visited USA and then when Peg and John came to stay with us in the UK.  
John and Peg always made us feel a part of the family, John even letting me have a drive of his golf cart and giving George a go on his zero turn grass cutter. A brave move considering we're Brits !  
We had our wedding anniversary while we were over there and John arranged to have the scoreboard at the basketball court show our names and years married. Such a kind gesture that we remember to this day.  
We often look at the photos of us all when we'd been together and every one of them brings a smile to my face.  
John was generous, kind, funny and loving and will surely be missed by all.  
Our thoughts and love are with all the family.  
Jules and George xx (UK)

---

**Jules Ross** - January 29, 2022 at 03:53 PM

MM

“ Some photos of John can be seen here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/d8PiggnFvo3jHW9w6>

---

**Martin Meadows** - January 29, 2022 at 07:45 AM

MM

“ John was my best friend when we were kids. From 4th grade (1964) until I moved away from Bloomington in 1978 we were close. We grew up together.

Sorry... this is going to be a bit of a ramble...

We did so much together. We discussed girls and argued about who was the best guitarist...Jimmy Page or Duane Allman and we saw Page play in 1975 in Indy at market square...(Led Zeppelin).

We went to daytona beach and Disney in 73 on spring break.

He helped me get past my fear of roller coasters and other fast carnival rides when He talked me into riding the bullet at a carnival and the racers at kings island. king's island was where I learned to love roller coasters. He rode red or blue and I rode the other... light park attendance that day... we got off and right back on repeatedly.

We played a crap ton of ping pong in my parent's basement and raced electric cars there.

Wrecked a bicycle we were on together. I was on the handlebars ... or was he? We got pretty banged up.

Played army in his yard. We played poker, euchre, flew kites. ... I never flew a kite higher than we did at his house one spring day.

We played basketball and football together for 8 years...shared those stories ...perry barfing, ricker finger twitch ... yard stick rebounding ... busted broom in the locker room.

I loved the fresh pork side that his mom (possibly the sweetest lady I ever knew) made and looked forward to it for breakfast when I spent the night at his house.

Never saw him really angry ... he loved to laugh.

I bought his cousin's corvair for \$85 and we went joy riding the day I got my driver's license. There was a hole in the passenger floor board.

We rode into the sundown theater in a trunk and got caught.

We went drinking with the football coaches when we were 18.

We spoke on the phone in November, last year, and swapped texts.

*I told him again how we were 5th cousins (based on some family tree research I had done). He cracked wise ... said ... if we were cousins he was glad we never had sex. I replied that I always knew he was gay.*

*We talked about getting together for ping pong in the spring.*

*Peg says he liked to tell stories about me. I wish I could have heard a few...*

---

**Martin Meadows** - January 29, 2022 at 07:39 AM

TL

“ *Growing up, I enjoyed spending time at the Harmon house with Maggie. John had a great sense of humor and it was always clear how much he adored Peggy and his girls. I will be sending warm wishes for peace and comfort to Peggy, Maggie and Macy and their families, and the many others who loved John. - Tara Langvardt Linkner*

---

**tara linkner** - January 27, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Francis Harmon.*



---

January 27, 2022 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ Peggy, Macy, Maggie and Family, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of this wonderful husband and father and grandfather. He was a special person and a great friend. John was like a second son to me. We had some great times on the softball field. Being in Florida prevents us from attending the service but we will be thinking of you. Jerry and Sandy Blackwell

Jerry L Blackwell - January 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM

LF

“ Love, Dane Fife and Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of John Francis Harmon.



Love, Dane Fife and Family - January 26, 2022 at 11:31 AM

DA

“ John is one of my favorite Hoosiers. When I was a student athlete here, he would ALWAYS bring a smile to my face, rain or shine...win or loss, Following my career, I occasionally returned to Assembly Hall. It was like Johnny and I never lost touch. He believed in bringing joy to the lives of all that he came in contact with...I will miss Johnny. He was kind to all.  
Dane Fife

dane - January 26, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JB

“ Peggy - I am so sorry about John. I bowled with his dad in the 60s and met John then. Then I have worked with him at IU for over 20 years. He was a great one. Jim Buher

Jim Buher - January 26, 2022 at 10:25 AM

L(

“ Love Jules and George xx (UK) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Francis Harmon.



Love Jules and George xx (UK) - January 26, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JR

“ God bless John's family. He was a great guy, always easy to be around and work with at the IU basketball games. I will truly miss sharing a quick story with him and I pray for comfort and healing for his family and friends. RIP John.

Joe Robbins - January 26, 2022 at 03:17 AM

HM

“ John was a beloved member of the IU family and someone you could always count on. He was a pleasure to know and work with for so many years and will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family. May you rest in peace, dear friend.  
With love and prayers,  
The Mauro Family - Harold, Joy, Heather & Megan

Harold Mauro - January 25, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Harmon.



January 25, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ John was one of my favorite co-workers at IU. He was someone you could count on if you needed something done. He was always positive and had a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Brinegar - January 25, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Francis Harmon.



January 24, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Signature Heritage Pail* was purchased for the family of John Francis Harmon.



January 24, 2022 at 05:17 PM

CK

“ I did not know John Harmon well, but will forever be grateful to him for the kindness he showed to me on my wedding day. My husband and I were married on IU's campus in March of 2016. As loyal Indiana Basketball fans (and Bloomington townies), we dreamed of taking pictures on the best day of our lives in our favorite place on Earth--Assembly Hall. On the day of our wedding, due to impending renovations at Assembly, we were told we could only take photos at Cook Hall. Apparently recognizing the looks of disappointment on our faces, Mr. Harmon simply shook his head, said, "We'll have to make it quick," and led us into Assembly for photos. Notwithstanding his warning--"If you hear the sound of sneakers on court, run!"--he even set up the scoreboard to show our names and our wedding date. We will forever be grateful to Mr. Harmon for allowing us to have that experience. I am sure our experience is just one of many examples of how Mr. Harmon touched the lives of others with his kindness.

*To Mr. Harmon's family: We are terribly sorry for your loss, and wish you peace and comfort in the days to come.*

---

**Courtney King** - January 24, 2022 at 04:33 PM

ML

“ John was a great guy with a pleasant nature and a fine sense of humor. We will miss him. We will keep the Harmon family in our thoughts and prayers. — Mary and Arlen Langvardt

---

**Mary and Arlen Langvardt** - January 24, 2022 at 03:26 PM

RD

“ *Robert & Patricia Harmon & Daughters purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of John Francis Harmon.*



---

**Robert & Patricia Harmon & Daughters** - January 24, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JF

“ *Jeff Jones and Your Solution Tree Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Francis Harmon.*



---

**Jeff Jones and Your Solution Tree Family** - January 24, 2022 at 07:37 AM