



John Robert Lawson

August 14, 1941 - April 5, 2017

John Lawson, 75, of Bloomington, died on Wednesday, April 5 at Bloomington Hospital. He was born on August 14, 1941 in Hartford, Connecticut to Robert and Kathryn Carmody Lawson.

John grew up in Granby, Connecticut and after serving in the U.S. Army, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1967. As a graduate student in modern Russian and East European History at Indiana University, he met Julia Karin Hoffmann. They married on March 21, 1969. John worked for the Department of the Army for 25 years, retiring in 2001.

Upon moving back to Bloomington in 2002, John began an active retirement. His activities included volunteering with the VITAL tutoring program at Monroe County Public Library, the Lotus Education and Arts Foundation, and serving on the boards of B'Town Jazz and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. An avid cyclist, he completed the Hilly Hundred several times, and enjoyed music, theater, and IU soccer.

His wife, Julia, survives him along with his son, Robert, daughter-in-law, Suzanne Dell'Orto, and granddaughter Nina; son David and daughter-in-law, Bridget Gavaghan; and his sisters Kathryn Scully, Joanne Lawson, and Julia Shirey. He is preceded in death by his parents and by his sisters, Molly West and Lulie Woods.

A celebration of life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington on Saturday, April 8 at 3 p.m. Donations may be made in John's name to B'Town Jazz (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/jazzfrombloomington/abo>)

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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and you are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence for John's family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church
2120 N. Fee Ln
Bloomington,, IN 47408

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I am so sorry to read this. John was a tutor for me and he was wonderful and I appreciate all of the service he gave to learners. My thoughts and prayers are with Julia at this time and everyone left behind.

Sheila Butler - April 18, 2017 at 11:28 PM

HY

“ I remember John from our membership in the Streets Committee for the 2013 Lotus Festival. Although he was such a consistently kind and giving person, he remained quietly modest and unassuming throughout all his interactions with those who were fortunate to have known him. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful wife Julie.

Hiromi Yoshida - April 18, 2017 at 08:14 PM

PB

“ Phyllis and Dave Bean purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of John Robert Lawson.



Phyllis and Dave Bean - April 18, 2017 at 04:59 PM

NS

“ Dear Julie,

I am so sorry to learn about John's passing. The world has lost a wonderful, respectful and kind person. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts at this very difficult time. He will be missed by many, even those who only know him briefly.

*Take good care,
Natalia Schau*

Natalia Schau - April 15, 2017 at 10:58 PM

CP

“ *I met John and Julie somewhere around 1989 when my older son Andy joined the summer swimming league. I remember John as a kind and caring man. When he volunteered to be coach for Doug's (my younger son) soccer team I got to see how patient he was and what a balanced program he offered to the boys. I know he will be sorely missed by his family and community.*

Carol Pelenberg

Carol pelenberg - April 11, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JC

“ *I remember almost 48 years of friendship with John and his wife, Julie. John was like a brother to me and a father figure to my daughter, Airen. We are thankful to have had his friendship. We miss him very much.*

Jeanette Clausen

Jeanette Clausen - April 10, 2017 at 01:56 PM

CT

“ *Such a nice, good man
having a rich life well-lived.
Remembering John.*

*With love to you and your family,
Cathleen*

Cathleen Sain Turick - April 08, 2017 at 05:12 AM

SB

“ *Sorry to learn of John's passing. I have many memories of being a
good friend of his sister Molly - and so endured his constant
teasing.....feeling that this only meant that I was accepted by an
upperclassman - a big deal at that age! My condolences go out to
his wife and entire family.*

sue bach - April 07, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for
the family of John Robert Lawson.*



April 07, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for
the family of John Robert Lawson.*



April 07, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John Robert Lawson.*



April 07, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Bob and I wish we could be there to hug all of you. We still have the canoe John and Julie gave us and use it every summer to take the kids crabbing. We will think of John fondly while on the water.*



Nora MacIntosh - April 07, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *What a loss-to friends, neighbors, and the Bloomington community. I will miss seeing John around the Elm Heights neighborhood. Ellen Dwyer*

Ellen Dwyer - April 07, 2017 at 09:54 AM