



John Prescott Vint

November 3, 1919 - July 15, 2014

John Prescott Vint, formally of London, England passed peacefully on July 15, 2014 at 6:31 pm in his home. John was born on November 3, 1919 and was the son of the late Albert Edward Vint and Winifred Kate (Wilkerson) Vint.

John arrived in the United States in 1946, following WWII and his discharge of six years from the British army. John married Catherine E. Donna of Pittsfield, Massachusetts in 1945 at Wimbledon in the home of his uncle and aunt. They lived in Britain while he was in the army and sailed to New York and Pittsfield, Massachusetts and resided in New York City before moving to Bayside and Northport, Long Island and Bloomington, Indiana.

John was schooled in graphic arts and worked in book publishing; first with Prentice-Hall, then Henry Holt, The Viking Press, and E. P. Dutton. These books included works from authors Robert Frost, John Steinbeck, Arthur Miller, and Saul Bellow. Also for a time he did children's books including Winnie the Pooh and Ludwig Bemelmans Madeline titles.

John came to Bloomington, Indiana in 1963 to work for the Indiana

University Press and became the director of production and design. He had the pleasure of designing Chancellor Well's biography and worked with Joseph Blumenthal, Spiral Press to produce the famous 'A Bestiary', illustrated with lithographs and wood block by Rudy Pozzatti. John retired in 1984 and was awarded Honors with Membership in the Emeritus Club for his years of service.

He served on several IU Friends committees at the university and as the treasurer at the Old Library after he retired. Also, he served on several committees connected to book publishing in New York and the American University Presses after he joined IU Press.

He was predeceased by his wife in 1995 and a sister, Winifred Wilkinson Vint in 1918. He is survived by three sons, Peter and former wife, Rita and their children, Peter, Colin and Mei-Li; Roger and former wife, Terry and their children, Joseph and Lisa; and John Derek and his wife, Kim. He was supported by many dear friends over the years. Special appreciation and thanks to all the caregivers from Eldercare and the IU Health Hospice staff that demonstrated professional care and well-being.

Memorial visitation will be held on July 20th, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana. Memorial contributions can be made to the Indiana University Press and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.or

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Peter,
On behalf of the Bloomington High School Class of 1965, I want to extend my Sympathy for the loss of your Father. I was unable to attend the viewing due to other commitments.
If you have an email address please send it to me for a contact for the up coming 50th Reunion next June 12, 13th, 2015.
Linda

Linda Quillen - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

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“ Sincere condolences.

Andrew Durkin - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JD

“ John was a dear friend of mine. We met in 1976 when I moved into Hunter Ave and he and Cap were my neighbors across the street. We somehow managed to keep in touch all of these years.

In the last couple years of his life i was even able to take him to church. He enjoyed the people, the messages, the singing, the pre-church organ recitals - and especially the after church brunch. His favorite place was the Runcible Spoon.

John was a one of those unique and colorful individuals who has made a lasting impression in my life. I would not be able to call JV a 'very unique' individual though because he would always correct me if I used that term. He would say you are either 'unique' or 'not unique' – you can't be 'very unique'.

You will be missed. Peace JV.

John D Medlock - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JO

“ Since my college days, John and Catherine Vint's house was always a cozy and welcoming home-away-from-home for an afternoon or evening whenever I came to visit--alone, with one of the Vint sons, or later with my own child. John and Catherine sometimes called me their "fairy god-daughter" and I think there must be many of us so blessed. The Vint home continued to be a place of open-hearted welcome, tea served with a plate of digestive biscuits and thoughtful reading recommendations, supplemented by the occasional exchange of letters and e-mails over distance....right up into my own Medicare-eligible age. The gracious friendship of the Vint elders has been a precious gift and treasure in my life. With love and gratitude and sorrow I say goodbye to John. My heart reaches out to his family and many friends who love and miss him.
Joanne Shaver

Joanne Shaver - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM