



John Patrick Reopell

January 18, 2024

John Patrick Reopell, 75, of Warwick, RI, passed away on January 18, 2024 with his wife Melinda by his side. He was born on October 18, 1948, in Providence, RI, to the late George and Mary Reopell.

John is survived by his wife Melinda, nephew William J. Reopell and wife Veronica Ramsay, great niece Jaime Reopell, great niece Kelly (Reopell) Love and husband Gavin, sister-in-law Elaine Reopell, nephew Thomas A. Reopell Jr and wife Michele, great nephew Stephen, great niece Kelli Kennedy, niece Cathleen E. (Reopell) Macvicar and husband Robert, and his beloved kitties Calvin and Hobbes. Besides his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, George P. Reopell jr and wife Pauline (Godinho) and brother Thomas A. Reopell.

John attended Brown University and graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Mathematics. Post studies where at Rhode Island College where he earned his Masters Degree in the Art of Teaching in 1973 with Cum Laude honors. John also serviced in the National Guard Reserves. His career was as a computer programmer and consultant at CAI for 42 years (worked for Heilind Electronics thru CAI for 15 years).

John is described by his friends as a kind, intelligent, well-read and an interesting conversationalist who had a quick sharp wit. His interests were

many and varied which included a broad range of history topics, science, physics and mathematics. He enjoyed reading, editorial cartoons, comics and had a fondness for grizzly bears. His pass time was watching TV shows and movies. John and his wife Melinda spent their life together traveling to Ireland, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Arizona, Utah, Florida, New Hampshire and Maine. Did some hiking, walking paths and visited friends. They went out to restaurants, loved playing with the cats and watching a good movie.

In honor of John's life, a private gathering will be held to celebrate his memory. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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“ I met John as an undergraduate at Brown, where he was a year ahead of me. I'd usually run into him in the evening at the Pembroke library, which was between West House (for female commuters) and Plantations House (male commuters). We lost touch for a few years after graduating but Bill, who is younger, got to know him because John had stayed in touch with Plantations House guys. A few years later, after marriage, a child, and a divorce, I needed to rebuild my social life from scratch and thinking of single people I used to know, decided to pick up the phone and cold call John out of the blue. Although he already had plans for that evening, he immediately invited me to join him, and the rest is history. John became one of my closest and most trusted friends. No one ever had a more supportive and tolerant friend, and there have been so many dark times made brighter thanks to his humor, wit, and seemingly endless supply of jokes, I will miss John so very much, and always be grateful for the wonderful gift of his kindness and steadfast friendship.

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