



Norris "John" Boehm

March 7, 1950 - May 7, 2019

Norris "John" Boehm, 69, Ankeny, died at 11:30am Tuesday, May 7, 2019, from complications resulting post stem cell transplant intended to cure his multi-year diagnosis of MDS.

John was born March 7, 1950, in Oskaloosa, Iowa and grew up in Sigourney, Iowa. His storied career included time as a public servant and a lecturer of English at Iowa State University for nearly 20 years. He was a fisherman, hunter, hiker, and an avid lover of the land.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Rae; son, Blair Norris (Megan) Boehm; daughter, Ana Rae (Kenneth) DauSchmidt; grandchildren, Greta Ruth and Hazel Louise Boehm; as well as numerous siblings, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold "Skip" and Lena Boehm; and nephew, Jesse Boehm.

Services will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11am at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny, Iowa.

The family will receive friends from 4-7pm on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of John may be made to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation via their website at www.inhf.org

Any floral deliveries may be made to the church.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Ankeny First United Methodist Church
206 SW Walnut, Ankeny, IA, US

MAY **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I had not seen John for a good number of years and decided to try and contact him through a Google search. Much to my dismay and sadness, I encountered his obituary, instead.

I first met John at Iowa State University while we were both attending college and later lived with he and his brother, Sam, for about a year and a half at a house they had rented in Windsor Heights, a Des Moines suburb. I left that living arrangement for a couple of years and eventually needed yet another place to live.

When John heard about this, he told me that the 4 unit double duplex off of Grand Ave he was now living at had an opening. I took it and once again was in close proximity to John. It was at this location that both of us would be living when we were to meet our respective, future wives.

The discussions we would have were always pretty open and very much bachelor-oriented. One afternoon, in John's unit, he point-blanked me by asking what I thought of Jan, a woman he had recently met and had introduced me to her once. Of course, this is "bachelor-speak" for "I'm thinking of leaving the fold".

I replied that although I didn't know Jan very well, she seemed to me to be a great gal. I told him that it wasn't what I thought of her but what HE thought of her that really mattered. He didn't reply, but nodded in affirmation, with the smile on his face and the twinkle in his eyes telling me that he had already made up his mind. . . .

Rest in Peace, John! You will be missed. Jan, Godspeed to you and all your family.

Sincerely,
Curt Waterman
watercu@mchsi.com

Curt Waterman - August 18, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ John was a wonderful colleague to everyone in the English Department at Iowa State University, and he was a superb classroom teacher who shared a wealth of experience with his many students. I always enjoyed conversations with John and his insights into politics, life, and the outdoors. My sympathy to the Boehm family.

Charlie Kostelnick, Boone, IA

Charlie Kostelnick - May 19, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Dear Jan and Family - I am saddened to hear this news. My heart and prayers go out to your family in this time of sorrow. May God's peace and blessings follow you in the coming days and forward as you walk this journey. Jill Boyles

Jill Boyles - May 10, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ Bob, Mendy, Jared and Molly Mingus purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norris "John" Boehm.



Bob, Mendy, Jared and Molly Mingus - May 10, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Treasure the memories, that's how he stays present, even though he is no longer physically here. Georganna Linder Krumlinde

Georganna Krumlinde - May 10, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ John... May You always walk The Lord Jesus... My Deepest sympathies to All of The Beautiful Boehm Family!! We Are Blessed... Roger Martin

Roger - May 10, 2019 at 06:48 AM



“ We spent many a day in John's yard playing every game you could imagine. He was always a great guy from a great family. Can't say enough about him. My condolences to to all the Boehms.

Bill Greenley - May 10, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norris "John" Boehm.



May 09, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ Thoughts and prayer for John's family. Growing up with John, we played a lot of sports together. He played hard and was good at all the sports he was involved in. After highschool we only saw each other at class reunions and always enjoyed those visits. He will be missed. May his memory bring a smile to each one's heart. God's peace to you! Rev. Bob Renner

Bob Renner - May 09, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ John was a good friend in the mid 70's, and I've always admired his humor and humble behavior, I'm sure he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know John, love and peace to all his friends and family.

Pat Greene - May 09, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ John was a buddy of mine, when he studied in Goettingen, Germany, in the early 70's.. We shared a little hut and had daily conversations on a broad range of topics. He taught me much on the US. It was sn inkling that let me make a Google search for him. I express my heartfelt condolence to John's family. I am shocked by his early death. Alfred Blohm, Hamburg, Germany

Alfred Blohm - September 24, 2019 at 04:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norris "John" Boehm.



May 09, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Norris "John" Boehm.



May 09, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Chip's pics



Chip Walter - May 08, 2019 at 12:18 PM