



John Wendell Broadie

October 3, 1953 - June 17, 2022

Independence, MO. - John Wendell Broadie, age 68, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2022, at Independence Manor Care in Missouri after a brief illness.

John was born on October 3, 1953, in Omaha, Nebraska, the fourth child, and only son, to Wendell E. "Steve" and Winifred (Jones) Broadie. The family moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1957 where John attended Wichita public schools, graduating from East High School in 1971. He attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, Drury University in Springfield, Missouri and earned a bachelor's degree in Public Health from Kansas University in Lawrence, Kansas, where he also did post graduate work.

John's parents encouraged their children to develop their talents and follow their dreams. John's mother, with a music background, nurtured their development in music and the arts while his father, a businessman with a big racquet talent, inspired them to share in his love of sport, especially tennis. John, though healthy at birth, contracted polio at 22 months of age. Medical procedures were to follow throughout his youth to improve his strength and mobility.

John loved music! High school years saw him in both the Madrigal and Band. He also played in a Lions Club Band, playing two summers of concerts in

Japan. John met his biggest music challenge when he wrote both the vocal and instrumental scores for his arrangement of "Joy to the World", a popular 70s song, for the finale of East High School's 'All School Review' to a standing ovation from his classmates. He and younger sister, Mary, often performed their own silly renditions of the music sung by their three older sisters, a professional trio, and laughed lots.

John found his athletic connection swimming for the Wichita Swim Club. He went on to captain the East High School swim team his senior year and swam for Drury University on scholarship where he set a distance record, remarkable considering his left leg weakness.

John worked at Wichita's Institute of Logopedics, then moved to California for social work before returning to Kansas. He married Sharon Donovan (now Sharon Ellis) in 1983. They had a son, Dane Broadie.

John is preceded in death by his sister, Jane Wilson. He is survived by his son, Dane Broadie and wife Kelli and two granddaughters, Sloane and Delaney, of Lenexa, KS, sister Joan Feldmeier and husband Ted of Eliot, ME, sister Eileen Broadie of Overland Park, KS, sister Mary Morgan and husband Donald of Houston TX, brother-in-law Rev. Richard Wilson of Marshall, MI. and many nephews and nieces. Sharon Ellis remains a treasured part of the family.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ I met John when I went to Robinson, starting in eighth grade. John was gracious (for eighth-grade standards) and we remained fast friends throughout the junior high years. He was a blessing to know.

Greg Rohloff - September 12, 2022 at 04:45 PM

AJ

“ John and I had great times during our elementary school days. I treasure those memories and think of John during my morning walks which take me by his Wichita residence on Pershing street. My condolences to the family. Ashley Jones

Ashley Jones - July 06, 2022 at 03:32 PM

MM

Thank you very much, Ashley. Mary

Mary Morgan - July 08, 2022 at 07:41 AM

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“ My mother, Ella Mae McGuire, used to tell me that when I was a new baby, John would come to our house to see a new boy in our neighborhood. My own memory of John and his sisters and all of the Broadies is they are one classy family. I am so sorry for their loss. Tim McGuire

Timothy McGuire - June 27, 2022 at 01:21 AM

MM

Hello, Tim, thank you for sharing this wonderful memory. I remember your family so well as I spent so much time with Emily and Eileen. Your family was lovely.
Mary

Mary Morgan - July 08, 2022 at 07:41 AM