

John E. Caron

March 16, 1932 - October 13, 2012

John E. Caron passed away on October 13th at his home in Fort Collins with members of his family at his side.

He was born March 16, 1932 in Frankfort, Indiana, the son of Eugene and Ethel (Oelslager) Caron. He graduated from the University of Dayton in 1954, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and married Barbara Feltman on June 19th. He then entered Active Duty at Fort Benning, GA and eventually completed Army Aviator flight training in both aircraft and helicopters. They moved to Germany where the first of three children was born. During numerous assignments including Germany, Korea, Vietnam and Iran as well as military bases in the US, he received various military awards and decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1974 and moved with his family to Fort Collins where he began a second career as an Administrator at Colorado State University where he retired in January 1992.

John is survived by his wife Barbara; three children - Christopher of Longmont; Michael (Monti) of Littleton and Julie (Jim Roseto) of Denver; 8 grandchildren ??" Phillip, Isabelle, Chloe, Sophia, Madison, Morgan, Allison, Charles and 5 great grandchildren. They were the love of his life as he spent time with each and every one. He called them Papa??Ts Peanuts.

John enjoyed watching sports: auto racing and football were most prominent. He followed the Broncos as well as various CSU Ram teams. Fishing with his grandchildren was another highlight as was his Tuesday mornings with his Good Ole Boys breakfast club. He also enjoyed bridge and poker with his gang, none of which he was very good at, but he enjoyed them anyway. He had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke.

John??Ts final request - ??oSend your bucks to the charity or bar of your choice. Color me gone!???

John / Dad / Papa will be greatly missed by many!

A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Allnutt Drake Chapel in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Military Honors will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado, Staging Area "A".

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66 My prayers & thoughts are with you Barbara and your family, especially on this sad date.

I too find the anniversary of my son's death to be quite difficult. As time goes by I hope you will realize some peace on these times. John and I almost grew up together,

especially at St. Mary's. So, it's best to just keep smiling and know that John is on a better mission now.. Bill

BILL CLAPPER - October 07, 2013 at 05:24 PM



So sorry to read of your dads passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Diane VanNostrand - November 01, 2012 at 07:55 PM



Our hearts are saddened by your loss. John was always a joy to be around. We shared military stories, lousy puns and Bronco mania. We were privileged to have such a wonderful man as our friend and neighbor. We are so sorry. God Bless, Susan and Bruce

Susan and Bruce McGill - October 23, 2012 at 11:53 AM



We will miss seeing John next door enjoying his time with the Roseto family--always smiling and laughing at jokes (both good and bad).

Because a man's family reflects their character, we know that John was an outstanding man because his wife, children and grandchildren are among the most lovely and compassionate people we know.

Barbara and family, please accept our most sincere condolences on this great loss.

The Masoudi Family - October 22, 2012 at 02:29 PM



To the Caron Family: We have been out of touch for many years, but never are you far from my thoughts. My time with John at CSU was a special time with a special man. I uploaded a photo of the Hot Air Balloon Anniversary - I believe it was John & Barbara's 30th. It was an honor to be invited to attend. I am so sorry for your loss. - Donna

Donna Johnson - October 22, 2012 at 12:10 PM



We were very sorry to read of John's passing. We remember the days when we lived on McMurry Avenue and John and the grandchildren would fish in the pond behind our house. He was a delightful man who enjoyed his family and also enjoyed fishing. What wonderful memories he has left behind. Sincerely, Dave & Jane O'Brien



Barbara, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Bobbi & Dale Lindquist - October 21, 2012 at 01:32 PM



**66** 26Dear Barbara,

How sorry I am to hear of John's passing. Even though I never met John in person, I really enjoyed corresponding with him on the computer. We had our health concerns in common and that was a bond for the two of us. I regret that the two of us never met, I felt a special closeness. Just know that you got to enjoy your time together, treasure those memories. I hope to meet you some time when I come to Fort Collins to see my sister Claire. Sincerely, Carma Johnson

Carma Johnson - October 20, 2012 at 08:04 PM



66 Barbara and Family,

Sandy and I were shocked to receive Chris's e-mail informing us of John's passing. as you recall from your visit with us in Alexandria, VA. John and I met the first time when he flew into Fort Knox in the late 50's and then renewed our acquaintance in 66 in Vietnam when he came down for his in country orientation with the Hillclimbers. We spent a number of pleasant evenings together and had some memorable moments during the Hillclimber reunions over the years. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sandy and Sy Berdux

Sy Berdux - October 20, 2012 at 05:52 PM



John (Mr. Caron) really got me interested in restoring classic Mustangs. I remember spending a few evenings with John talking about mustang repair and beauty of these machines. My heartfelt condolences to the family, Mr Caron will certainly be missed!!!

Steve Benz - October 18, 2012 at 09:21 AM



I 'grew up' with John. He was probably my best friend at St. Mary's grade school in Greenville, Ohio. We, over the years, lost contact but I always was happy to see John at the several class reunions. We had quite a few memories to discuss (they were always good things to remember). I will always think of John as a great personal friend.

My thoughts as well as prayers go out to Barbara and her family. BC

BILL CLAPER - October 17, 2012 at 11:08 AM



**66** Caron Family,

Please know you all are in my thought and prayers during this trying time. I remember my parents, Leroy & Nancy Atkins talking about great times they had with you.

Sincerely, Kara Stevens

Kara Stevens - October 17, 2012 at 10:23 AM



Chris, I'm so very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Our prayers are with you.

The Hann Family - October 17, 2012 at 10:20 AM