



John Robert Bullard

November 30, 1936 - January 23, 2024

John Robert Bullard, age 87, passed away at Lakeland Regional Hospital on January 23rd, 2024, after being diagnosed two and a half years ago with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (blood cancer). He was born November 30, 1936, in Belvidere Illinois to Robert A. and C. Bernice Bullard. He served in the Florida National Guard and the United States Army Reserve. John graduated High School in Poplar Grove, IL, and attended Northern Illinois University. After graduation he lived in Florida, South Carolina, and California, where he did military service, taught, and had the first three of his four children. John attended Graduate School at NIU, Long Beach State and Indiana University, ultimately receiving his Doctor of Education from Indiana University.

From 1969-1980 John was an associate professor at the University of Iowa and worked at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency. From 1980 until retirement, he worked in real estate and managed rental properties in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Throughout his life, he was passionate about creating art, painting, sculpting, ceramics, tennis, industrial and theater set design, DIY (aka puttering), bowling, cars, and later in life an avid Pickleball player. He frequently described himself as a jack of all trades, master of none.

He also published two books. John was a secular humanist and a firm believer in human rights. Anyone that ever spoke to John, knows that he was

very outspoken about his beliefs and opinions. At his request, his body was donated to the College of Medicine, University of Florida Gainesville.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and his younger brother Lynn Bullard (Caroline). He is survived by his wife of 13 years Kathleen Kiddell, and his brother Frank Bullard. John is also survived by his four children, Amy Stanbro (David), Jay Paul Bullard, Jill Moreno, and Daniel John Bullard (Tacia) and grandchildren, Jacob Stanbro, Carly Bakker (Riley), Corey Moreno, Benjamin Bullard, and Bridget Bullard. John lived to see the birth of his great grandson, Brooks Bakker born on January 8th, 2024.

A small memorial was held at the Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home in Lakeland, Florida on January 26, in lieu of flowers, John has asked that donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Habitat to Humanity, or the American Civil Liberties Union.

Previous Events

Reception

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel

3350 Mall Hill Drive

Lakeland, FL 33810

(863) 858-4474

t.hall@gentry-morrison.com

<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Robert Bullard



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 26, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JH

“ Dr. Bullard was the department chair when I started graduate school at the University of Iowa in 1973. Not sure why his name popped into my mind recently, but it did in one of those "I wonder what he's doing today?" moments. I found this tribute page and am sorry to learn of his death. I just want to share a few thoughts. John Bullard was a good man who loved his children and was fair and kind. When I knew him, he looked like he did around 4:20 in the video. But even in his later years he had those kind eyes. No doubt his children are grown now, but I wanted to share by admiration for him and my condolences for you. Joan Huntley

Joan Huntley - June 14, 2024 at 06:58 PM

DB

Thank you for the kind words, Joan. I'm glad to hear he had a positive impact on your life!

Daniel J Bullard - November 23, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MC

“ Please accept the condolences of John's friends in Sun City Huntley. He had quite a few fans among his extended family - pickleball players, pottery club colleagues and surely the McDonald's "guys group." John was quite a raconteur with a series of understated but fascinating stories of painting signs in the Army, living in a wide variety of states and circumstances, and sharing his unique views of life and liberty. He always had our attention and he was a good audience as well. He will be missed.

Mike Christy - on behalf of those noted above.

Mike Christy - March 23, 2024 at 11:24 PM

DB

Thanks for the kind words, Mike.

Daniel J Bullard - June 02, 2024 at 09:50 PM

HP

“ We had the pleasure of meeting John here in Sun City Huntley IL. He was an avid pickleball player and it was a pleasure having known him. Rest in Peace John.

Herb & Jackie Pitzman

Herb Pitzman - March 23, 2024 at 07:25 PM

DB

Thank you Herb and Jackie!

Daniel J Bullard - June 02, 2024 at 09:50 PM