

JOHN WELLER CORFIELD, JR.

September 6, 1943 - October 28, 2023

John Corfield of Gilbert, Arizona, died peacefully October 28, 2023, after a two year bout with cancer. He was predeceased by his parents, Ruth and John Corfield of Ben Avon; sister, Janice Hays of Carlisle; and first wife, Donna. He was survived by Sherri, his loving wife of 25 years; sister, Judy Starkey of Wayzata, MN; children, David Sokolowski, Troy Corfield, Tracee Corfield Swift; cousins, Cris Hueneke and John Umstead; ten grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. John grew up in Ben Avon, attending Avonworth schools, graduating in 1961. Missing weeks of school his senior year due to mononucleosis he started playing the piano, something that evolved into a lifetime of cool jazz. He went on to Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana University of PA). Another interruption to his education came from the U.S. Army. He served in the Presidential Honor Guard and eventually the U.S. Army Drill Team. His last assignment was with his platoon at the gravesite of Senator Robert Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery. Returning to school he graduated from St. Joseph College in Philadelphia. Following teaching jobs throughout the country he met and married Donna with her two children, whom he adopted. They were married 17 years before her death. Still in CA he married Sherri, and completed his career conducting capital campaigns for private Christian schools and churches. John loved his family, his music, the Pittsburgh Pirates through thick and thin. But most of all John loved the Lord, Jesus Christ. And in explaining his faith he wrote a book, "God's Hole in One and Other Miracles." He taught Sunday school at their church until his final illness. Service for John will be held at Calvary Chapel of Queen Creek, 19248 East San Tan Blvd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142. Interment will be Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

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