

JOHN M. LEVINE



On the afternoon of February 25, John M. Levine, loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, died peacefully, at age 82, after a brief illness. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on November 28, 1942, where he spent his childhood.

John graduated from Northwestern University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 with an M.S. and Ph.D. in Psychology. At Northwestern, he was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity and met the love of his life of 56 years on a blind date.

As a psychology professor at the University of Pittsburgh for 50 years, John was a cherished colleague, mentor and friend to his many students and collaborators, all of whom will miss his kindness and generosity. An expert on small group behavior, John was an influential and highly respected leader in his field, as evidenced by his enormous contributions to the field and the many tributes he received throughout his career. Even in retirement, he remained active and engaged in a range of research initiatives.

He was intellectually curious, skeptical but fair and he had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a World War II buff and he loved hiking, British mystery shows, Winston Churchill and every moment he spent with his family. It is difficult to imagine that anyone has spent more time reading than John. But above all, his life will be remembered most for the love he shared with his beloved wife, Jan. He was also an amazing father, who led by his example, imparting wisdom while letting his sons make their own decisions. In his later years, he enjoyed his time with his grandchildren immensely, never missing an opportunity to share how proud he was of them.

He is survived by his sons, Jeff (Carmina) and Andy (Liz); his sister, Caroline Levine; and his grandchildren, Bennett and Isabel. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jan Levine; and his parents, Ben and Bessie Levine.

A Memorial Service is being planned to celebrate John's life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests gifts in his memory to the Family Hospice Foundation, 700 Bower Hill Road, Suite 1405, Pittsburgh, PA 15243, in recognition of the compassionate care that was provided to both John and Jan during their final illnesses. Arrangements by **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**

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