



John William Kauffman III

August 4, 1935 - November 4, 2020

RICHMOND, Ind. – John William Kauffman III, age 85, of Richmond, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Brookdale Senior Living in Richmond.

John was born on August 4, 1935, in Hanover, Pennsylvania, to John W. Kauffman Jr. and Bertha Shipley Kauffman. He graduated from Westminster High School in Carroll County, Maryland, and received an economics degree from McDaniel College (formerly known as Western Maryland College) and an MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. John began his career as a technical trainee for Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point, Maryland, and eventually became the plant industrial engineer in Burns Harbor, Indiana. He retired after 30 years with Bethlehem Steel, starting a new career as the business manager for Indiana University East, where he worked for 14 years. John also served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Oklahoma and Kentucky. As a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, he served on the church council and finance committee and was treasurer for several years.

Having been a three-sport high school and a college athlete, John remained an avid sports fan, especially enjoying games featuring the Indiana Hoosiers, Virginia Cavaliers, Indianapolis Colts, and Richmond Red Devils.

Married for over 62 years, he and his surviving wife, Janet Marie Mahaley, wedded on August 23, 1958. Other survivors include his daughters, Janeen (Kevin) Smith of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Jill (John) Luczkowski of Westfield, Indiana; five grandchildren, Hannah Smith, Haley (Cort) Smith Hammond, Jacob Smith, Meghan Luczkowski, and Emma Luczkowski.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linda Kauffman Moyer.

A memorial service for John William Kauffman III will be planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at a later date to allow family and friends to safely gather.

Those wishing to honor John's life may make donations to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
121 South 18th Street, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at
www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Janet, I remember you and your family when we all lived in Valpo. I used to visit when I was selling Amway and we were both in Newcomers. I recall your 2 girls. I don't think I had any kids at that time. My son was born in 1979 and we moved to Sparrows Pt in Baltimore in 1985. I am also from Carroll Co and where I now live in a retirement home. I often wonder what became of our friends on Valpo. I saw this obit in local paper and recognized the name, etc.
Wanda & Dave Hall

Wanda B Hall - November 16, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ Hello Jan,
I know you must be missing John so much. Although I didn't really know him, your partnership was an inspiration. I so enjoyed your kindness and friendship in Valparaiso over the bridge table. I am sorry for your loss, and happy that you shared so many years.
Carolyn (Harrison) Lelek

Carolyn Lelek - November 14, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Jan, Our love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our prayers.

God's peace,
Carol and Phill Conarroe

Carol Conarroe - November 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ John was one of the truly nice people to work with and for. I was talking to somebody yesterday who had the same opinion of John. Also might point out that due to his example I returned to school and got my master's degree so I could teach. My condolences to his family.

Richard Erow - November 11, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ I met John when I first interviewed with Bethlehem Steel and was hired into the Industrial Engineering Department at the Burns Harbor Plant. I have fond memories of him and his kindness. My deepest sympathy to his wife, Jan, and their family.

Anne Staiger Koch - November 10, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Jan, what a wonderful person - John was one of the finest, as we grew up together in Westminster, MD. I could always count on John helping me with my math. I know he will be missed by many. (One fond memory we have is double-dating likely in 1953).

Byron Hollinger & Pat Roop Hollinger

Byron Hollinger - November 09, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ Jan - we have wonderful memories of many good times spent with you and John. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Connie and Roger Green

Connie and Roger Green - November 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ John was such a sweet guy. I would always ask him if he was going to be stubborn he would say till the day he dies. I knew that if I ever needed to smile he would be there. He was so caring. I love taking care of him at my job. With warmest prayers and sympathy to your family .
Shannon antrobus. A worker at brookdale

Shannon antrobus - November 07, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ When I would see John around campus, he was always so warm and friendly. He always had a smile and a greeting that made ME smile. He was a wonderful man, and I send deep condolences to his wife and family.
Lee Ann Adams

Lee Ann Adams - November 06, 2020 at 07:51 PM



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Jan, Janeen & Jill,

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing and of your great loss. I worked under his great leadership for many of his years at IU East. He was kind and caring and he loved his family above all else. He spoke in such a loving way about each of you. I have many fond and funny memories of working with him in Purchasing. I hope your loving memories will carry each of you through this difficult time.

May God bless and comfort you and your family during this difficult period; please accept my sincere condolences.

Margie Santner

Margie Santner - November 06, 2020 at 06:58 PM



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Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills - November 06, 2020 at 01:57 PM