



John D. Brownstone

June 22, 1941 - January 22, 2018

John D. Brownstone 76, of Bonita Springs, FL and Cedar Falls, IA, died Monday, January 22, 2018, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Ft. Myers, FL after an extended illness. He was born June 22, 1941 in Minneapolis, MN, the son of late Dr. Manuel and Dorothy Margulies Brownstone. John married Anne R. Wilson on April 2, 1966 in Eldora, IA. They made Bonita Springs their permanent residence in 2009 but still maintained their home in Cedar Falls.

John was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force having served from 1961 thru 1965.

He was a 1967 graduate of State College of Iowa where he and Anne met. He also received his Master's Degree in School Psychology from the University of Oregon. He returned to Iowa and worked as a School Psychologist and then as Psychologist for Exceptional Persons, Inc. He later mentored his nephew, Stacey, who was studying for a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology, and later obtained the same EET degree himself which enabled him to start his own business, Brownstone Systems, Inc. He served as Information Systems Manager at Waterloo Warehousing where he developed their database systems and retired in 2003.

John is survived by his loving wife, Anne R. Brownstone of Bonita Springs, FL; two sisters and their spouses, Joan DiAntonio and her husband, Robert of Clayton, MO and their two sons and grandsons; and Dr. Jane E. Brownstone

and her husband, James Wheeler of University City, MO; his recently deceased brother-in-law, David Wilson, and David's surviving sons, Stacey and James Wilson and their devoted families in Iowa. John had many close friends who will miss him dearly.

Private services will be held by the family. The family suggests that memorial donations in memory of John be made to the charity of your choice.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home (239) 992-4982.

Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Brownstone*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Anne, I'm sorry I'm late in writing to you. I was shocked to hear about John's passing and I pray God will bless you many times over in the coming years. Dave Spaulding*

Dave Spaulding - April 09, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Brownstone family. John was one of the good ones. My earliest memory of him was when we were attending grade school in Clear Lake and he invited me for dinner. They had the lights out and lighted a menorah. In my ignorance I asked them if the electricity was out. They all graciously laughed.*

Ken Tyner

Ken Tyner - February 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *I'll always remember John as a wonderful and thoughtful gentleman. Sympathy and Peace to Anne and family.*

- Dennis Downs and Mary Bozik

Dennis Downs - February 09, 2018 at 01:15 PM

VB

“ John and I had the Flying Club and owned the Cessna 172 together here in Iowa. He was a good friend and I'm sure a loss to all. Please offer my sympathies to Anne and the family. Von Blunt thesarge77@outlook.com

Von Blunt - February 07, 2018 at 09:25 PM

CS

“ John and Anne were always a staple at the UNI Women's basketball games. Both on and off the court, they supported our team. Many summers, they helped host all of us in Clear Lake- driving is on the boat and providing many great memories. John will be missed by many. Anne, you are in our thoughts and prayers. - Cassie (Hager) Smith

Cassie Smith - February 05, 2018 at 09:38 PM

MH

“ I can recall many Summer boat rides up at Clear Lake. John was our team driver and always seemed to enjoy this Summer retreat we held up at in Clear Lake. He was a part of our team at UNI, spending many evenings at the West Gym, watching games, eating with us at Coach's during team dinners and never failing to provide nuggets of wisdom or inspiration for us to ponder. He was a friend to our coach and friend to us as players. John you will be missed. Ann you are in our thoughts and prayers. -Megan (Keefe) Hannam, UNI Women's Basketball

Megan Hannam - February 05, 2018 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ Dear Anne,

I was so saddened to see John's obituary in today's Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier. Memories flew back to the warm friendship between the Harringtons and Brownstones reaching over 50 years ago, including visiting your in-laws in their beautiful home, romping with your sweet dog, Poppy, and lots of conversation. You may know that Gordon passed away on New Year's Eve, 2015, at age 90. I know he would have wanted to tell you how important John and you were to us.

My heart goes out to you and your family,

Judy Harrington

Judith Harrington - February 04, 2018 at 08:59 AM

MW

“ Not enough can be said to fully convey John's influence on my life. His friendship mixed with timely mentoring has had an incredible impact on all aspects of my day to day. He was the first person to truly get me for who I was and exposed me to aspects of life that I treasure today.

One of my favorite stories with John was during one of our McDonalds lunches. We were standing in line and I had this odd idea and asked him for a nickel. He reached deep into his right pocket and his hand emerged with enough coins that they almost overflowed his hand. John selected a quarter and handed it to me. I proceeded to drop it in the Ronald McDonald House donation box and returned to stand by his side only to tell him, "Thank you. I feel much better about myself now." I don't think I've ever seen him laugh so hard and he was having a tough time ordering a couple of minutes later.

I'll miss his insightfulness, his friendship, his humor, and having conversations while enjoying his genuine interest in helping me better my life in so many ways. Of all the thoughts he shared over the years, there's one that has stuck with me more than most and it's also one I shared with my daughter just a few days ago. He once told me "You only have to like 15% of someone to consider them a friend. It's accepting the other 85% that allows you to be their friend." I'll miss him 100%.

Matt Warfield - February 03, 2018 at 09:01 PM

MS

“ Anne, I was so sorry to hear the news of John's passing. Please take comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Mary Smith

Mary Smith - February 01, 2018 at 05:03 PM

JL

“ Anne, sorry to hear that John has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

joanne lewis - February 01, 2018 at 04:05 PM

 Sue Smoldt

“ Anne--getting to work with you was such a blessing, and getting to know John, a "huge" bonus!! I can't think of him without a smile coming to my face. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love always, Sue Smoldt

Sue Smoldt - February 01, 2018 at 12:30 PM

MR

“ Anne, I'm so sorry to hear about John. Having just recently gone through this myself, I know how hard this is. I will be praying for comfort for you through the coming months.
Milly Roberts

Milly Roberts - January 31, 2018 at 09:25 PM

SM

Anne, I am so sorry for your loss. God will get you through the tough days ahead. Sandy Marsau.

Sandy Marsau - February 01, 2018 at 06:18 PM

DD

Anne, we're so sorry to hear of John's passing. Know that we love you and you're in our thoughts and prayers.
Dave and Carol Draper

Dave and Carol Ann Draper - February 04, 2018 at 02:18 PM

DM

We sure will miss John, Anne. We all 3 go back a long way. He was always so proud of you. I'm sure glad you both took time to visit us out on the prairie this summer. Denny Mills

Denny Mills - February 04, 2018 at 06:10 PM

NS

“ *Anne, so sorry to hear about your husband John. My prayers and sympathy are with you.*

Norma Strom

Norma Strom - January 31, 2018 at 07:01 PM

SA

“ *Anne, so sorry to hear about John. Hang in there.*

Sheryl Annette

Sheryl Annette - January 31, 2018 at 02:21 PM

JW

“ *Really gonna miss my favorite Unceee
Jody and I are both really lucky to have made it down in time to say
goodbye.*

He will be missed !!!

We both love you Anne !

If you need anything - let us know

Jim Wilson - January 31, 2018 at 01:18 PM