



John Howard "Morty" Mortensen

May 25, 1950 - April 28, 2023

John Howard "Morty" Mortensen died peacefully on April 28, 2023 in Fort Myers, Florida surrounded by family following a courageous 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

John was born May 25, 1950 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin-OshKosh where he was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society. He was an avid skier and participated in the university ski club, where he met Deborah Knox, whom he married in 1974.

John and Debbie had two children, Christopher and Jessica, and continued their love of skiing with family trips to Upper Michigan, Colorado, and Utah.

John had a very long and successful career, beginning as a Superintendent at Lakeside Bridge and Steel in Milwaukee, WI. He later became the Vice President of the family business, Nafisco, Inc., based in suburban Chicago.

John's hobbies included restoring a 1975 MGB, building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes, driving his 50th anniversary edition yellow Corvette, and reading poolside at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida, where he and Debbie became members in 2013. They made many Forest Friends at the club, through years of bocce tournaments and playing

golf.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years Deborah, his children Christopher John (Tracie), and Jessica Mortensen (Kevin) Trueblood, his grandchildren Cameron, Madison, and Jason Mortensen and Molly Trueblood, his sister Lois (Alan) Ritz, nephew John (Valentina), niece Stephanie (Steve) Hautzinger, and their children.

He is preceded in death by his parents Howard Lloyd and Ruth (Koehler) Mortensen and his brother Charles.

He was a former resident of Wauwatosa, WI and Naperville, IL.

John will live on in the hearts of the family and friends he always put first. He was larger than life and will truly be missed.

The family will hold a private service at a later date and wishes to thank all those who have shown their love and support.

The family requests in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to your local humane society.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

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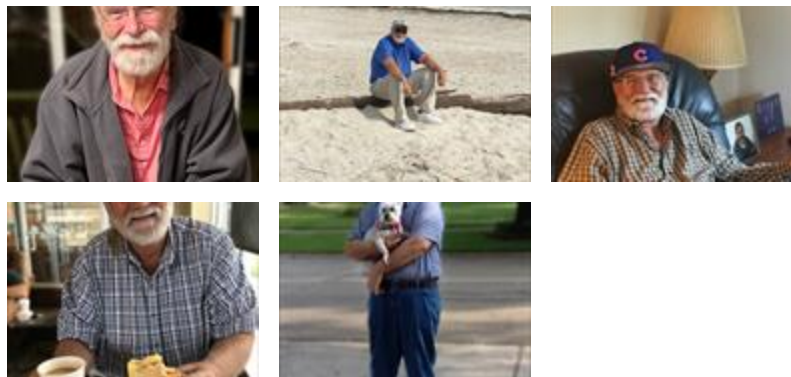
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John was such a lovely person we were so lucky to have gotten to know him through our pool time in Ft. Myers and our bocce team that had so much fun together! Melody

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