



John E. Rhame

August 9, 1928 - December 10, 2015

John Rhame passed away on December 10 in Naples, Florida. He is survived by Verena, his wife of 64 years, and his four children -- David, Susan, Nancy and Robert.

Born in 1928 in Flint, Michigan, John grew up in Galt, Ontario, Canada. He graduated with a degree in Commerce and Finance from the University of Toronto where he earned varsity letters in Hockey and Track & Field. As a sophomore, John was undefeated at intercollegiate meets and was invited to try out for the 1948 Canadian Olympic Track team.

His 42-year career at General Motors began as a timekeeper at Frigidaire. After an eventful career overseas, John and his family returned to the US, where his professional life culminated with a posting as GM Vice President of Overseas Operations.

John filled his retirement years split between Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Beaver Creek, Colorado and Bonita Springs, Florida. He was an avid golfer and long-time member of Bloomfield Hills Country Club and Pelican's Nest Golf Club. He also enjoyed skiing, tennis, literature and the arts. John traveled extensively with his cherished wife Verena and took delight in spending time with his immediate family including five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

John was a man of integrity, genuine warmth, generosity and a strong work ethic.

A private memorial service was held in Bonita Springs.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *John E. Rhame*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Verena, I was so sorry to learn (belatedly) today from the Vic Report that John had died in December. He was a great role model and mentor, both at GCI and Vic, and he will indeed be missed. My sincere condolences to you and your family*

Kirk Thornton

Orillia, Ontario

Kirk Thornton - March 23, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ *35 years I was working for General Motors and John E. Rhame was the most outstanding "boss" I've ever had -- in the best sense of the word a true "Humanist". My husband Hans and I will always keep him in our memories! Thank you John!*

Jutta & Hans Tuschar, Vienna, Austria

Jutta A. Tuschar - January 05, 2016 at 05:10 AM

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“ John was a man of genuine charm and integrity, whose words of wisdom reflected his extensive life and business experience. As part of the British end of the family it was a pleasure to meet and talk with him. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts go out to Verena and the children and know they will be supported by friends and family all over the World.

KEN AND SARA LINFORD
Leyland, Lancashire

Ken and Sara Linford - December 21, 2015 at 09:12 AM