



John Lawrence Sampson

September 10, 1943 - November 13, 2020

Cedar Falls – John Lawrence Sampson, age 77, passed away Friday, November 13, 2020 at his home in Cedar Falls.

John was born September 10, 1943, the son of Clifford and Elsie (Bang) Sampson in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He graduated from Fort Dodge High School in 1961, before attending Iowa State University. On September 24, 1966, he was united in marriage to Rachel Beckley in Manson.

He worked in sales and management with TV and radio in Duluth and Austin, MN and in Waterloo, before becoming marketing director for Midwest Shows in Austin, MN. In 2008, he received an honorary award from the Cattle Women of Oklahoma for his dedication to their work. He loved working with the FFA Youth at the farm shows. In 2013, he was awarded an honorary state FFA degree from the Oklahoma FFA Association. He retired in January of 2014.

John loved working with wood. He received his greatest pleasure from fishing, especially walleye fishing. He and his wife spent many hours fishing the lakes of Minnesota. John cherished the trips to Lake of the Woods with his best friend Ron Bormaster. John was a faithful member of Ascension Lutheran Church.

John is survived by his wife Rachel of 54 years, and his son, Erik (Angie) Sampson of Littleton, CO.

Private family graveside services will be held in Rose Hill Cemetery, Manson, IA

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ When John and Rod went to Lake of the Woods they always had big fish to enter in the daily BIG FISH contest. They normally didn't venture out as far as everyone else, but did VERY well. I'll never forget the night at the CVWC Banquet when John won something on almost every raffle ticket he bought haha. He will be missed in the Cedar Valley Walleye Club, Rest In Peace John!

Bill Behrens - November 19, 2020 at 08:05 PM

BB

Sorry, I meant Ron

Bill Behrens - November 19, 2020 at 09:30 PM

 Karen Platts

“ Rae Erik and Angie I am thinking of you at this time while you grieve the loss of John. I will remember him as a smiling guy , at the family gatherings, always with a story to tell. God bless! Karen Platts

Karen Platts - November 16, 2020 at 07:49 AM

MI

“ Rachel, Erik & Angie, So very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts & pray that you all will feel God's loving arms around you in comfort. I enjoyed working with John in promoting Parkersburg when he was with the TV station. Marilyn & Vern Ingalls

Marilyn Ingalls - November 15, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MA

“ So sorry to find out that John passed away. You were some of our good neighbors while you lived in Parkersburg. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Grief never ends, but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. It is the price of love. May you feel God's arms around you today. Marlyn and Marcia Allspach.

Marlyn and Marcia Allspach - November 15, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JY

“ What a great guy John was. Always had a smile for you and always made time for you. Always enjoyed working with him. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. God bless all!
Bill and Joan Youngblut (KWWL-TV)

Joan Youngblut - November 15, 2020 at 01:19 PM

JW

“ We have such fond memories of John! Thinking back on the Labor Day gatherings at Dean and Mardy's. Sending love to all of you!
Mike and Jane Williamson

Jane Williamson - November 15, 2020 at 08:00 AM