



John H Schroeder III

September 26, 1946 - November 29, 2019

John Henry Schroeder III, also known as “Big John”, of Lake Villa, IL, passed away peacefully at home in the care of his loving wife, Nancy, on Nov. 29, 2019, at the age of 73. John was born Sept. 26, 1946, in Chicago, IL.

John was an expert in all aspects of HVAC and became a retired member of Pipefitters Local 597 union after 45 years of dedicated service. His many positions and interests included: President and Sunday school teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lake Villa, HVAC Engineering Technology teacher at the College of Lake County and a member of the NRA (Lifetime), Ducks Unlimited and the AM General Hummer Club.

John was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, crabbing, range and skeet shooting, horse racing and attending Hummer outings to test the limits of his H1 through extreme conditions and terrain. John loved woodworking, listening to music and playing the guitar. He loved eating foods made with some of the hottest peppers on Earth and inspired a similar love of them with his son. He was always up for anything when it came to playing with his grandchildren, such as shooting Nerf guns, drawing monkeys, coloring, making pizzas and watching movies together. He liked taking road trips, even when lost he never seemed to mind - and neither did his daughter because it's all about the journey not the destination.

John could always be depended upon and provided support and loving arms whenever his wife needed him. He was a great listener, gave the best hugs and showed his unconditional love to his family daily. He had the biggest heart and was always willing to help others in need without judgement. John had a larger than life personality and a unique sense of humor. Known for pranks and wild stories, he always left everyone in awe and stitches. John was the proud winner and runner up in more than one Championship Oyster Eating competition and once drank a full glass of mustard to win a \$5 bet from his cousin, Mike Goode, whom he loved dearly and considered a brother. It was also not uncommon for John to be a competitive and fun-loving opponent, and would gloat in the most creative of ways, especially if playing cribbage with his family.

John married Nancy Karen (nee Rosenstein) Dec. 19, 1969, wed for just shy of 50 years. He was a fiercely devoted father to John Henry Schroeder IV (Jessica) and Victoria Lynn Schroeder (Ryan), and proud and loving grandfather to Kyle Christopher James Foster-Bailey, Jonathan Peter James Foster, John Henry Schroeder V, Owen Kyle Schroeder and Colette Erin Rose Connor. John is the brother to Candice Violet Schroeder and cousin to Patricia Anne Goode-Weber, Michael Charles Goode, Robert Jack Goode and Jon Lawrence Goode. John was preceded in death by his loving parents, Violet Victoria Schroeder (nee Rydin), John Henry Schroeder II of Chicago and his foster father, Ed Pfingsten.

John's faith in God never wavered. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our loving God in Heaven. A pure joy to be around, he will always be in our hearts and greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

A memorial visitation will take place on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 4 - 8 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL with a service starting at 7:00 pm.

Events

DEC **Memorial Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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DEC **Memorial Service** 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Big John...I miss you, brother. We shared a lot of life together. Thank you for always being there, for covering my back when needed, and for teaching me so much that a young kid needed to learn, from street scrapping, how to tie a necktie, and how to be there when a friend or family member needs you, so much more. Rest in Peace Brother. Big Mike

Michael Goode - January 18, 2021 at 02:27 AM



“ I am deeply grateful to John Schroeder for allowing me the honor of being his nephew. His heart of gold lives on eternally, through his family, friends and flock; as does his unbridled sense of humor. He was the toughest, wildest man I've known, yet would tear up when speaking about his love for his wife, son, daughter, and grandchildren. He was the epitome of a loyal friend, especially to my father. John and Mike were brothers bonded by a lifetime of hardship as well as victories, their most uniting factor being that either would gladly leap into the fire to protect and defend their loved ones- as they often did together. You will never be forgotten, Uncle Schroeder. See you in Valhalla, Daniel.

Daniel - June 27, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ We share a beautiful granddaughter with John and Nancy. I'm sure John will be watching from heaven as our granddaughter grows up. We will miss you John at holiday get-to-gathers but I know you will be around us with your spirit. Rest In Peace and may your spirit remain in the light.



Teresa and Larry Connor - December 08, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ Hello Grandpa.

I love you so much and I would kiss you every day and I love you even when you're in heaven.

I liked playing with you and coloring with you.

Love,
Colette Erin Rose Connor - your little Rosie.



Victoria Schroeder (Colette Connor) - December 08, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ Anne Weber-Falk and Mary Weber-Brown and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John H Schroeder III.



Anne Weber-Falk and Mary Weber-Brown and families - December 08, 2019 at 03:08 PM