



John D. Bouck Jr.

May 18, 1947 - December 18, 2019

John D. Bouck, Jr., 72 of Overland Park, KS, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the presence of his wife.

He was born May 18, 1947 in East Lansing, Michigan, the son of John Sr. and Carol Bouck who had met years earlier while students at Michigan State University. John met his future wife Mary in Kansas City while he was completing his BA in History from the University of Missouri in Kansas City and she was completing her BSN at the University of Kansas. They were united in marriage on August 10, 1969 at Old Mission United Methodist Church in Fairway, KS. They welcomed their son Christopher into the world in 1976.

John was a fascinating man with intellectual curiosity and profoundly broad interests spanning millennia and the globe. He was a lifelong history buff, born 200 years too late to have walked among his heroes of the Revolutionary War. He had a deep sense of civic pride, love for his family, and love for his country. He was a Boy Scout leader, Deputy Director of the National Records Center for the Social Security Administration, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a member of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. He travelled to dozens of countries with his wife and son. Someone once said of him, "he doesn't say much, but what he does say is really worth saying." He had a mischievous, dry sense of humor. He enriched the lives of many and will be dearly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Mary Louise Bouck of the home; a son Christopher John Bouck and wife Daniela of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; two grandchildren, Victoria Louise Bouck and Charlotte Ilse Bouck; a brother Jim Bouck; and a sister Jaynie Bouck.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, December 27, 2019 with a visitation beginning at 3:00 P.M. and service beginning at 3:30 P.M at Maple Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Pets for Life, The American Cancer Society, or the American Diabetes Association. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S. 34th St.

Kansas City, KS, 66106

Events

DEC **Visitation** 03:00PM - 03:30PM

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3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

DEC **Celebration of Life** 03:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 27, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ We had some great times together with our sons when they were boys and we traveled to a number of places of historical interest. John certainly had a dry and mischievous wit and he gave us many laughs. He had a wide variety of interests, but his real passion was history, especially of the American war of independence.

We were deeply saddened to learn of John's passing and we regret that we were not able to attend his memorial service. He will be very much missed by everyone who knew him. Our thoughts are with Mary, Chris, and his other loved ones.

Eric & Judy Dollard

Eric Dollard - December 30, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



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“ I worked with John at both the Payment Center and at NRC. John was a quality man and am not surprised he was an active scout leader as were many of us at Social Security. I am proud to have worked with John.

Bob Keyserling - December 26, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of John’s passing. When John worked for several years in the SSA headquarters in Baltimore MD he was a great host to visitors from home (the KC office).

I went to headquarters for a meeting and John very graciously offered a tour of Wash, D.C. After work we went to a couple of the Smithsonian buildings (not all were open) to the National Museum but the high light of the evening was when Ronald Reagan’s motorcade went by us on the street. I actually saw the President in his limousine. We drove up as near to the Whitehouse as you could go because it was blocked off in preparation for the Presidents return from the Capital.

Washington D.C. was In John’s blood. He reveled in sharing his knowledge of history and there is no shortage of history in D.C. John was a great tour guide and I have never forgotten the experience of that evening and John’s kindness for taking me.

Rest In Peace John Bouck

Barb (Coker) Jackson

Barbara Jackson - December 26, 2019 at 02:01 AM



“ We first met John in early 2016 while working on the Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application for his Son Christopher. His love of history came shining through in his conversation and the showing of his antique artifacts. March 26, 2016 Chris became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on his mother Mary's lineage with which she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. John wanted so much to become a member of the SAR. We went to work on that task. I recall one day arriving at John's house to review the progress and he met me at the door with gun; it was just to show me one of his antiques. After some work, John became a SAR member on October 6, 2017. Each monthly meeting he attended he always brought one or more antiques of the Revolutionary War period.

John wanted share his love of history with youth, every time my wife Pat and I visited with him in his home, he gave me a book or a dvd to share with youth who participated in SAR youth programs. When his grandchildren came to visit him there was I always a dvd of history produced for children that they could watch.

Had he been physically healthy, he would have been in the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. He wished to order a uniform; it took a some talking to convince him that he would get very little use of it and his money would be better spent acquiring more artifacts..

John will always occupy a fond place in our memory.

Dewey and Pat Fry

Dewey Fry - December 23, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ I'm quite saddened to hear of John's passing. I have great memories of when John and I worked together at the Social Security program center. He was a very effective analyst in a group that I managed. Our personal relationship was warmed by a common interest in history; both of us were history majors. We shared many book titles and and talked history during our breaks and lunches.

I think of John often, in fact every day. Why? Because he gifted me a leather bound book at my retirement, written by and about the life of 18th century missionaries on the Pacific coast. That book adorns a table in the foyer of my home and I pass it many times daily going from one floor to another. It has been there now for over 30 years. This Christmas there is a little stuffed Santa sitting atop it, that too reminding me of his bigger than life persona.

Jerry Witherspoon
Blue Springs, MO

Jerry Witherspoon - December 22, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ Dear Mary,

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bruce A. Carter (We worked together at South Park Elementary School many years ago.)

Bruce A Carter - December 22, 2019 at 08:31 AM