



John Robert Calkins

January 30, 1963 - January 27, 2019

John Robert Calkins passed away at home, surrounded by family, on January 27th after a year and a half battle with cancer. He was born on January 30th, 1963 in Chicago and moved to Indianapolis his sophomore year of high school. There he met his high school sweetheart, and eventual wife, Jill. In addition to excelling in his studies, he played football, baseball, and hockey. Both he and Jill graduated from Purdue University, where John was captain of the hockey team and a brother of Phi Kappa Theta. John had a successful career in the material handling industry. He was an excellent father to son Wesley, and coached him in every sport along the way. John enjoyed life in Atlanta, as well as family trips to ski, adventure, and golf. John was a light in everyone's life that he met, and a great role model. He volunteered and contributed to Lifesong Ukraine, which provides help for orphaned children. John was thoughtful, charismatic, and a natural leader. He is survived by wife Jill, son Wesley, daughter-in-law Randi, and brother Tony. He will be greatly missed.

He will be greatly missed. Visitation will begin Saturday, February 2nd at 3:00 PM with service to follow at 5:00 PM, both at Southside Christian Church in Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to

lungevity.donordrive.com/campaign/JohnCalkins or lifesong.org Global

Orphan Care-Ukraine. Please visit www.toalebrothers.com to leave a condolence message.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ We are deeply saddened with the loss of John. We have heard so so many wonderful things about John thru Tony and Julie. We share your sorrow in the loss of such a wonderful farther, husband and man. We will all miss John

Ann and John Barney

Ann and John Barney - February 02, 2019 at 01:43 PM

LB

“ John was as good a man as I ever met. There was not a fake bone in his body which is a rarity in these times. The world is much poorer for his passing, and although his family is surely heartbroken they can rest in the assurance that they shared the life of a great man.

*God bless John and his family...
Larry Bacon*

Larry Bacon - January 31, 2019 at 03:35 PM

RH

“ I would like to share my condolences with the family and friends. John was a very nice gentleman that carried himself in the proper way. I enjoy every round of golf I ever had the pleasure of playing with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and there is no doubt that he's in the Kingdom of God.

My Condolence,

Randy M. Hines

Randy Hines - January 31, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Robert Calkins.*



January 30, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Jill, Wes, and family- We share in your sadness and pray for peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. We share Joy in knowing the promises of God and John's savior , Jesus Christ. We are forever appreciative of John's impact and support of our son in sports and life. His life well lived made a positive impact on many . Love in Christ , The Lammert family*

SL - January 30, 2019 at 09:23 AM