



John R. Schutt

July 12, 1936 - September 21, 2021

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7/12/1936-09/21/2021

John R. Schutt, 85, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died peacefully September 21, 2021. John graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he joined the R.L. Schutt Company, Inc., a local bridge and road construction company. John built many Indiana landmark projects, including the 38th Street Bridge, the Keystone Avenue Bridge over the White River, and the Indianapolis Downtown I-65/I-70 interchange, which is being replaced in 2021 after 50 years.

In 1984, John and his wife, Janet, opened Schutt Lookabill Co., Inc. Although much smaller in scale than “R.L.,” they were proud to have built many important projects, including the Kessler Boulevard Bridge over the Canal, the Washington Street Bridge near Howe High School (John’s Alma Mater), and phase one of the Monon Trail.

John’s true passion, beyond work and family, lies squarely in the game of golf. His family home was on the corner of 10th Street and Sheridan, looking out over the 15th hole of Pleasant Run Golf Course. He honed his skills on that course to become one of the most competitive players in Indianapolis. John won multiple tournaments, including Pleasant Run, Old Oakland, Hillcrest, and the City Amateur Championship. He truly loved the game of golf and played it with dignity and genuine respect for all of its traditions. Rarely did you see John without a golf club in his hand, whether on or off the course.

A bedrock of his life was Irvington Presbyterian Church. John was very active as a young parishioner and eventually earned his place as an Elder. He celebrated the marriages of his daughters, Susan and Liz, as well as many somber events. As the years passed, John enjoyed Sunday evening Vesper services and Sharing and Caring Sunday dinners. But it was the men's bible study that brought him the most joy, as he brought Taylor's bakery treats to the guys, and more importantly, found profound meaning in the bible study discussions.

All of these aspects of John's life were important, none matched the love of his children, Susan, Liz and Steven. John adored spending time with them in their activities, from horseback riding to martial arts, to a shared appreciation of books, poetry, scientific discovery, and philosophizing on just about any subject. John loved his five grandchildren and had boundless pride in their successes, not to mention the thrill of becoming a great-grandfather of adorable twin girls.

John was also a proud military service member of the United States Army Reserve, serving as a First Lieutenant in the Classified Aerial Photography Division.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Veda Rogers Schutt; father, Ray; sisters, Jane Gran and Anne Stein; and brother, Roger. John is survived by Janet, his loving wife of 37 years; his daughters, Susan (Glen) Susdorf and Elizabeth Scott; son, John "Steven" Schutt; five grandchildren, Diane Susdorf, Gail (Ben) Miller, Chloe (Logan) Gore, Jack (Stephanie) Rainbolt and Lindsey Rainbolt; and two great-granddaughters, Nora and Emma Miller.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 12 noon at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue, with calling one hour prior. The service can be attended in-person or virtually via Facebook and YouTube. For the care and safety of all who attend, the church has an enforced mask mandate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be to Irvington Presbyterian Church. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers

Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Irvington Presbyterian Church
55 Johnson Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LZ

“ Dear Jan,

I just found out that John passed. I am so sorry. I only met him on several occasions, but thoroughly enjoyed speaking with him. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him."

Lois Zentner - January 10, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BG

“ John was a lifelong friend to my Dad, Jack Bartley. And as dad always told me, John was “true blue”. He was kind and strong through his gentleness. His wit and fun manner will always stay with me. And of all the stories dad shared of his days on the golf course, so many included John. John was always kind to our family and he was strength for us when Mom had her accident and when dad had his struggles. May his memory bring peace to all. Rest now dear John, your days, your work and your play, your friendship are forever appreciated. And If you’re having Friday lunches again, give my dad a hug for me.

Beth (Bartley) Gray - October 21, 2021 at 01:07 PM

CF

“ Charles Highsmith & Family purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John R. Schutt.



Charles Highsmith & Family - October 21, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Schutt.



October 20, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Schutt.



October 19, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ I read John's obituary and noticed a deceased sister, Jane P. Gran, of Gore, Virginia. There are not many Grans and my family goes back to Minnesota. I was wondering if Jane and I had a family connection. I had an uncle who live in Milwaukee.
Keith L. Gran, Indianapolis

Keith Gran - October 18, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ Love Brenda & Troy Gibson purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of John R. Schutt.



Love Brenda & Troy Gibson - October 18, 2021 at 11:21 AM

BG

“ John was an amazing man. So caring, so loving, so thoughtful to everyone. He always had a smile on his face when I saw him.

The entire Schutt family lost a precious man, but his spirit and love of life lives on in our hearts. My deepest sympathy to Jan and Steven for your loss.

Brenda Hargraves Gibson

BRENDA GIBSON - October 18, 2021 at 11:04 AM

BP

“ John and the schutt family was always good to my husband' buddy patrick and family..my hubby and john were good friends and co workers in past..we were saddened to hear of his passing..condokences to janet and entire schutt family..sincerely' buddy' barb patruck and family

barbara patrick - September 24, 2021 at 11:04 PM

LB

Just a friend from the construction industry that goes back many years. Janet you and the Schutt family are in our prayers. Dan Sweet told us about the Covid issue. That is a shame.

Leon Beaty

Leon P Beaty - September 29, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DN

*Jan and Family,
Praying for God's amazing grace and a speedy trip to his heavenly kingdom. May he also bless your family with his peace.*

Doug and the HSS Family

Doug Nagel - September 30, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BG

So sad to learn of John's passing. John was a wonderful thoughtful person. I was blessed to work many years for the Schutt family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jan, Susan, Elizabeth and Steven and grandchildren praying for you each to find comfort in knowing John is at peace with his/our Savior Jesus Christ.

Becky Bromagen Gagnon - October 01, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DK

*Jan- thoughts, sympathy and prayers for you and your family
Diane Keefer - INDOT - Fort Wayne*

Diane Keefer - October 05, 2021 at 01:04 PM

NB

Jan, we know how close John and Jack were the past two years after their weekly lunches stopped. They were like brothers checking on each other almost daily.....main topic, Golf! The calls ended when John had to say good bye to Jack January 2021 but their spirits will live on forever.

With love to Jan, Steven and family.

Norma Bartley - October 14, 2021 at 01:51 PM