



John R. Berkery

January 24, 1950 - July 10, 2025

John R. Berkery, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025 at age 75 with his loving family surrounding him. Beloved son of the late Doris and Thomas F. Berkery; devoted father of Thomas, Brendan, Nicholas, and Megan Berkery; loving brother of Thomas (Nancy) Berkery, Patricia (Mike) Moran, and Danny Berkery; cherished uncle of Danielle (Erik) Zimmerman, Justin (Margaret) Moran, Christina (Justin) Heilig, Amanda (Jason) Franklin, and Matthew (LeeAn) Kubicek.

Born in New York City on January 24, 1950, John was a true New Yorker and grew up appreciating his Italian and Irish heritage. He received his Bachelor's in English Literature from Manhattan College. In 1993, he moved to Clayton, Missouri and later the Central West End. He quickly became a devoted St. Louisan and loved the community around him. With his love of the arts, John was a member of the St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Symphony, St. Louis Zoo, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. He was the ultimate social butterfly and loved dining out and visiting the local bars, where everyone knew his name. He volunteered at the Mercy Oncology Department with patients receiving chemotherapy. He truly had a heart to serve others.

John loved golfing, and he could usually be found on the greens every Saturday morning striving for that hole in one! As a sportsman, he became a huge St. Louis Blues and Cardinals fan and loved attending the games and

cheering them on with his kids. In his spare time, he liked reading and his favorites were mysteries, thrillers, and historical fiction. He also enjoyed relaxing with a good old-time British murder mystery.

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As a family man, John looked forward to traveling with his kids and going on vacations, some of their favorite trips were to Florida, South Carolina, and Vermont. Every summer they traveled to Italy to visit family, as well as trips throughout the year to New York. He also traveled to more than 70 other countries for work, and his kids looked forward to the neat gifts he would bring back for them.

John was the absolute perfect example of the nicest guy, unless you tried to take advantage of him, then it was game on; no messing with him. He would do anything for anyone, and everyone loved him. He was such a sweetheart and always concerned for others.

John will be remembered for his loving and caring nature, as well as his great sense of humor. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society. (<https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **19**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Tribute Wall

CE

“ John and I were good friends-we went to every playoff game in 2006 and we saw the cardinals win the World Series
John, I know you are in baseball heaven now.
Love you much my friend
My deepest condolences to the Berkery family

Chris Edler - July 21, 2025 at 01:25 AM

JL

“ my deast sympathy he was a great guy golfing buddy great friend
John Lake

John Lake - July 18, 2025 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The Kubicek Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John R. Berkery.



The Kubicek Family - July 18, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John R. Berkery.



July 16, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JG

“ John had the ability to walk into a room and become an instant friend. I saw him do it several times and was always amazed. I will miss our conversations! John George

John George - July 16, 2025 at 06:08 PM

NB

“ Nancy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Berkery.

Nancy B. - July 16, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ John and I met through work in " of all places" Bangladesh. We kept meeting all over the world : Zurich, Portugal, Istanbul to name a few places. Eventually I moved to New York and we got married. We were together for 16 years and married for 12. We had two wonderful children : Nicholas and Megan. John was at times not the easiest person to live with (after all he was a New Yorker through and through) but he was fun, generous, caring and the best dad there is. I am so glad I picked such a great father for my children. Even after the divorce we remained friends and helped one another while raising our children together . I am thankful for the time I have spent with him and we will always be connected through our children.

John was great at making everyone feel protected and cared for no matter what, I will miss him forever!

Elena Berkery - July 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM

LF

“ Love, the Moran family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John R. Berkery.



Love, the Moran family - July 16, 2025 at 07:24 AM

LF

“ Love, the Moran family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Berkery.

Love, the Moran family - July 16, 2025 at 07:24 AM

MC

“ Marilyn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Berkery.

Marilyn C. - July 15, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SC

“ Steven & Amanda Manns (WEGAP crew) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John R. Berkery.



Steven & Amanda Manns (WEGAP crew) - July 15, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Berkery.*



July 15, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Berkery.

July 15, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Eugene X Berkery II and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John R. Berkery.*



Eugene X Berkery II and Family - July 15, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *From my earliest memory the coolest guy I ever knew. Rest in peace, my brother.*
Tom

Tom Berkery - July 14, 2025 at 09:09 AM



Our deepest condolences to Mr. Brendan Berkery on the transition of his beloved father. From Mrs. Shaw and the Staff of Woodland Elementary School/Jennings School District.

Ann E. Shaw - July 19, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SA

John was a terrific neighbor- his laugh still rings in my heart! He loved his kids deeply. They brought him much joy.

Sue Aman - July 21, 2025 at 01:15 AM

CT

John is one of the best persons I have ever known, and a dear friend for many years. He left a positive, kind, thoughtful, and generous mark on all who knew him. How fortunate we all are to have been able to share time with him. He talked about his kids with joy in his eyes, as he loved them all so dearly. He was so proud of each of them. John, I will miss you, my friend. Until we meet again.

Carla Tuetken - September 30, 2025 at 11:12 AM