



John David Matthews

December 12, 1944 - January 23, 2018

John David Matthews, son of Ralph Henry Leon and Ida Ree Pittman Matthews died peacefully at home on January 23rd, 2018 with his wife, Susan E. Neeman, by his side. John is pre-deceased by his older brother, Ralph Henry Leon II. He is survived by his sisters, Ruby Joan (Brown) and Eleanor (Brown), brother, Edwin, sons, John David and Chad Wayne Matthews, grandchildren, Shane, Chad, Joann, Ryan, Jonathan and Daniel, and two great granddaughters, Emmalynn and Eden and numerous extended family members around the country.

John is remembered by friends from his school days in Abbeville, GA, friends and neighbors in Fremont, CA, Sedona, AZ and Savannah, GA, and colleagues at IBM and Amdahl Corporations, many of whom remained lifelong friends. John loved life and filled it with travel around the world, sharing his love of cooking (his chess cake and pickles are legendary), advice and projects with neighbors and friends, and parties and celebrations. He was a well-loved and respected man; he will be missed by many.

Private services are being held in Abbeville, GA.

Tribute Wall

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“ ... one of the very few great and honorable men. He had high expectations of everyone... and consequently we strove hard to meet them, often exceeding our own expectations. It was awesome to see, to watch, to be a part of. Thank you, John!

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“ A photo from September 2017 your annual summer get together
That's the last time I saw you
As always it was so memorable spending time with you and your wonderful wife Sam
I've known you for 37 years and you had a huge influence on my husband Solomon's career. He would not have made it to the top if it wasn't for you and I thank you
I will always remember our conversations and how easily I made you laugh
From the deep essential that is grief the gentlest of memories float to the surface
A man's growth is seen in the successive choirs of his friends and your cup runneth over
Until we meet again thanks for the memories
You truly were one of a kind
Big hugs
Deborah Langley



Deborah Langley - January 27, 2018 at 12:05 AM