



John Michael Sheets

February 27, 1964 - July 29, 2023

John M. Sheets

PAULS VALLEY, OKLAHOMA – John Michael Sheets, 59, of Pauls Valley, OK, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2023, at SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Midwest City, OK, after an extended illness.

John was born, February 27, 1964, in Council Grove, KS., the son of Ronald H. Sheets and Janice K. Harlan Sheets.

John attended Andover Central and Neodesha schools and was a graduate of Neodesha High School, Class of 1982. He was an accomplished student, excelling in math and science. John was also a gifted athlete in Cross Country and Track. After high school, he studied mechanical engineering at both Kansas State University and Kansas University. In 1989, John received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Emporia State University. He went on to earn his MBA from Emporia State University in 1994.

John served as the President of the Kansas City Homes Association from 1995 through 2010, when he then semi-retired and moved to the Oklahoma City area. Throughout his life, John also owned and operated his own interior design business. Several of his projects were featured in regional and national newspapers and magazines.

John was intelligent, generous, witty, funny, loving and a touch sarcastic. He was an incredible student and helped many classmates with their homework and projects in his younger days. Later in life, John prepared tax filings for many clients, family, and friends. From an early age he also enjoyed playing

cards and games and excelled at them all. John also loved to cook and watch cooking shows and he made many delicious dishes and hosted numerous family gatherings.

John spent much of his time remodeling and redecorating his many homes and landscaping and caring for his gardens. He created incredible beauty with everything he touched. He designed many beautiful projects for his family, friends, and clients. During retirement John became an avid OU football fan and loved attending their home games with his family and friends.

John is survived by his loving and devoted partner, Jerald Knight of Pauls Valley, OK; his mother Janice Harlan-Steinbach and her husband, Alan, Madison, KS; his father, Ronald Sheets and his wife, Freda, of Independence, KS; his twin sister, Michelle Gifford and her husband, Harry, of Oswego, KS; his step-sister Amanda Godsey and her husband, Aaron, Pittsburg, KS; his step-brother Matthew Steinbach and his wife, Natalie, Boliver, MO, his step-daughter Abby Sarvis- Matthews, Lee's Summit, MO; his step-son Adam Sarvis, Kansas City, MO; and his grandson, and Spencer Sarvis, Kansas City, MO. John's adopted Oklahoma family include: In-laws, Jennifer Mathews, James Knight, Jeannie Heil, Jim Knight, Bill Knight and Denise Martin; nieces Angela Hodges, Brittany Zinn, Jessica Parks, Lindsey Parks, and Jayden Nunley. John was preceded in death by his partner's mother, Ruth Knight who adored his talent in creating beauty in gardening and design. John is also survived by his loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends and his kitty, Princess.

John was preceded in death by his husband, Larry Sarvis; his brother Stephen Sheets; his brother-in-law, Jerry D. Knight; his step-mother, Marlene Sheets and his mother-in-law, Ruth Knight.

A luncheon will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 16, at the Methodist Church in Madison, KS. John's memorial service will be at 2 p.m. also at the Methodist Church, with a brief graveside to follow at Blakely Cemetery, Madison, KS. Time for fellowship will follow the service at Harry C's in Madison.

Previous Events

Luncheon

SEP **16.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Madison United Methodist Church
316 Sherman
Madison, KS 66860

Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Tina Hume lit a candle in memory of John Sheets*



Tina McCarty Hume - September 12, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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“ *ANITA RUCKER lit a candle in memory of John Sheets*



ANITA RUCKER - September 08, 2023 at 03:47 PM

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You were there for me when I needed you. Your kindnesses will not be forgotten. All of my family truly enjoyed Thanksgivings at your home in Kansas City.

I love you, John.

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ANITA RUCKER - September 13, 2023 at 01:45 PM