



John A. Whitney '61

January 25, 1939 - June 10, 2018
 Born in Boston, Massachusetts
 Resided in Gainesville, Virginia

Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of John Amos Whitney announces his passing on June

10, 2018. John, 79, died in Aldie, Virginia due to complications from Alzheimer's disease.

John was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, loyal family member, friend, and

mentor to many. Raised in Weston, MA, John was the youngest of four children of Wilmot and Margaret

Whitney. He attended Weston H.S. until he transferred to The Choate School in Wallingford,

CT in 1955. John attended Williams College in Williamstown, MA and graduated in 1961 with

a B.A. degree. An excellent athlete, John played baseball, football and basketball for Weston,

hockey, basketball, football and baseball at Choate, and baseball, football and hockey all four

years at Williams College. John also enjoyed playing tennis and skiing throughout his life.

John's working life followed many paths, including teaching at Meadowbrook School in

Weston. He spent most of his career in the commercial roofing industry and lived throughout

New England, including York ME, Weston, MA, and Hartford, CT. After retirement, drawn by his

love for the outdoors and adventure, John hiked the Appalachian Trail with his son, Jay. Later, he

became a whitewater raft guide and ran the Newand Gauley Rivers in West Virginia and the

Upper Hudson River in New York. In 1997, John moved to Plymouth, Vermont with his wife, Pat.

He taught skiing at Killington and Okemo Ski Resorts for 20 years, until his illness prevented him from continuing. He enjoyed sharing his passion for skiing with others... he was patient and fun, instilling self confidence in all his students. John had a strong love of music - blues, rock, rock & roll, soul, gospel and John Phillips Sousa marches. At college, John could often be spotted dancing to Chuck Berry or Chubby Checkers. One of his fondest memories was meeting the great B.B. King in person. Naturally inquisitive and a good listener, John would get to know and befriend someone quickly - willing to offer a helping hand when needed. He was intelligent, thoughtful, and an avid reader who always enjoyed a good debate. Known for his quick wit, sense of humor and his zest for living life to its fullest, John will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

John is survived by his wife of 33 years, Patricia M. Whitney; three children, John A. Whitney, Jr. of New Mexico, Vittoria Bush & her husband, Mark of Holliston, MA & Richard "Archie" Catalfamo & his wife, Megan of Warrenton, VA; sister Nancy Berglund of North Boro, MA; and four grandchildren, John & Frances Bush and Isabella & Benjamin Catalfamo.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by two siblings, Wilmot Whitney, Jr. & Margaret Phillips.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 2018, 10:30 am, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 320 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA, 02493. Interment private.

Services

Service

Memorial Service

320 Boston Post Road
Weston, Massachusetts United States 02493



Map / Directions



Saturday, August 18, 2018
10:30 AM