



John Edmund Kirchner, Jr.

May 13, 1936 - October 29, 2020

Kirchner, John Edmund of Edina passed away on October 29th at age 84 in the arms of his wife of 61 years. John was born on May 13th, 1936 in Atwood, Kansas. He attended Rockhurst High School in Kansas City and was a proud Eagle Scout. Regis University in Denver, CO followed where he earned degrees in Math and Physics and met his wife Mary Dascher. Together they started their life in Beaufort, SC where he became a United States Marine Corps Pilot and Officer. After his time in the Marines, John went on to hold numerous executive positions in the Information Technology industry. John's career brought him, his wife and their then growing family around the country to numerous cities before settling in Edina, MN, where they have remained for 46 years. Their early years were spent together with their sons camping, skiing in the mountains of Colorado, and simple things like playing basketball and pickle ball in the driveway. Later years were spent traveling to Europe, as well as many road trips all over the US, visiting family and friends they had met throughout their lives. John was a friend of Bill and Bob. John is survived by his wife Mary, sons; Kevin (Catherine), Mark (Betsy), Patrick (Anne), Edmund (Lisa), and Thomas (former daughter-in-law Marlo); grandchildren Kelsey Conway (Tom), Allison Ellis (Mike), John, Kathryn, Katie, Wesley, Maggie, Peter, Gabi, Izzy, two great grandchildren, George and Claire Conway and siblings Mary Jane Nugent (Hugh) of Alexandria, VA and Elizabeth Krisor (Ed) of Denver, CO. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Teresa. He will be greatly missed by all. Visitation on Friday,

November 6th from 4 PM to 7 PM at Washburn- McReavy Funeral Chapel, and Funeral Mass on Saturday, November 7th at 11 AM at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Edina, MN. Covid-19 prevention practices will be in place for both the visitation as well as the Funeral. The funeral will be live-streamed at [olgparish.org/mass/...](http://olgparish.org/mass/) Private Burial at Saint John's Abbey Cemetery, Collegeville, MN. Memorials preferred to The Robert T. Cassidy Endowment at Our Lady of Grace and/or Regis University.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Church Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall

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Joanne Okagaki - November 10, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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This is John being a good neighbor to my husband, Kei, on Christmas. Our families were neighbors for decades, and we couldn't ask for better. We will miss this lovely man.

Joanne Okagaki - November 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM

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Edmund Kirchner - November 04, 2020 at 07:18 PM

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Edmund Kirchner - November 04, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ I don't do much talking, yet I feel like sharing a memory and thought about my dad and maybe my feeling to share is because of the coincidence Sir Sean Connery passed away just 2 days after my father.

When I was a child my father traveled often for work and when he was home he was busy managing the responsibilities of a family of 5 boys. The times we did have together we shared an appreciation of James Bond movies.

For me the Sean Connery films were especially my favorite. Together, my dad and I loved the gadgets, the beautiful locations and women, the stories of good against evil, and most of all James Bond, a characterization of great confidence, exceptional thinking, graceful physical abilities, decency, and dry sophisticated humor.

When my son was old enough he and I began to watch all the 24 James bond movies from the very first one to the very present. It was fun for me to relive watching the movies that I watched with my dad. In the last 10 or so years my son, wife, and I went to the movie theatres with my parents to experience the current James Bond movies and we would have dinner after and talk about the movie.

I will miss these times I had with my dad. I will carry on, watching the movies with my son, wife and my mom, I am sure for many years to come. When I reflect on this I feel especially in the last few months that I was like a supporting character in a James Bond movie, the one that was in a supporting role, one somewhat flawed and slow, and short sighted, the one that would fail James Bond. And like James Bond my dad gracefully and confidently would understand my imperfect human condition, help me feel better about myself, and carry on fighting for the good.

Reflecting back to my youth, my dad was my real James Bond, my real hero, and in the last 2 decades he was my friend.

Edmund Joseph Kirchner

Edmund Kirchner - November 04, 2020 at 07:10 PM