



John Frazier Moncrief, Jr.

May 11, 1948 - June 9, 2023

John was born in Bridgeton, NJ on May 11th, 1948 to John Frazier Moncrief Sr. and Caroline Jeanette Moncrief (Petecca).

After graduating high school in 1966, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam from August 1968 to September 1969.

John met his future wife, Debra Jean Wyss, and began college with her in 1972 at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. They were married during their junior year, August 18th, 1973. John graduated from UW, Stevens Point in 1975 with a B.S. in Soil Science and Natural Resource Management. Debra also graduated with an Elementary Education major the same year. John went on to attend Montana State University at Bozeman, MT and received a M.S. in Soil Science (physics) in 1977. Finally, he attended The University of Wisconsin, Madison where he earned his Ph.D. in Soil Science (chemistry) in 1981.

John became a professor at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Soil, Water and Climate in 1981. His research and teaching were focused on soil and plant nutrient management to optimize crop production and environmental impacts. He traveled the state extensively to evaluate cropping systems in the diverse soil and climate zones of Minnesota. John retired at the end of 2012.

John liked the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. There were many backpacking adventures in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area in Montana just north of Yellowstone National park with his colleagues, friends,

and his children.

In his later years, he enjoyed interacting with his nine grandchildren; Lilly Riedel, Lauren Riedel, Michael Riedel, Cole Henning, Eli Henning, Maya Henning, Isabelle Henning, Isaac Moncrief, and Claire Moncrief. He is survived by his wife Debra and children Heather, Will, Travis (Beth), and Noelle (Brandon).

Visitation Tuesday, June 13th from 5-8 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview.

Funeral service Wednesday, June 14th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH; 4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview.

Interment Incarnation Cemetery, Lino Lakes.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John Frazeur Moncrief, Jr.



December 14, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ A great classmate at Point, and a friend for life.

James Knuteson - June 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ We'll miss your killer smile. God bless you!



Padam P Sharma - June 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I have only excellent memories of John! He was my PhD co-advisor (along with Satish; 1995). What I remember most are the twinkle he always had in his eye and his very dry sense of humor. And his big laugh :-) I hold memories of him in my heart, and send you all my condolences. -
Cathy



Catherine Perillo - June 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Lots of memories of growing up in South New Jersey. John was always a rascal as well as a great family man. Glad I got to talk with him recently.
Cousin Linda

Linda Moncrief - June 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Debra and family: I am sad to hear John passed away. He was my advisor in college at U of M. He was really a great mentor and person.

I often remember meeting him for the first time sitting in his office eating a baloni sandwich and wearing an NRA belt buckle. We had a good discussion about manure and a decision was made right then and there that I could work for him. That was luck.

I have many good memories of a kind man who made a difference and loved his family and life. A real role model.

*Sincerely,
Pat*

Pat Burford - June 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *My condolences to John's family.*”



Linda Queripel Foster - June 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *We miss you.*”

Charles and Susan Leyman - June 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM