



## John Patrick Montague, Sr.

September 8, 1940 - November 16, 2024

John Patrick Montague (II), age 84, of Golden Valley, MN, died peacefully on November 16, 2024. John was born on September 8, 1940, in Minneapolis, the son of John (Jack) and Gale (Johnson) Montague. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School and the University of Minnesota as an Evans Scholar, then spent the early part of his career in advertising at agencies Colle & McVoy and Carmichael Lynch. He later started his own business that combined his artistic talents and his love for golf.

As the oldest of 10 children, John had immense love for his large, closely-knit, Irish-Catholic family. He had a diverse circle of friends with close relationships developed on the golf course, at work, AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings, and everywhere he went. He was very proud of his 45 years of sobriety and helped many others find success in AA.

John always strived to spend his time outside in the sunshine (as his suntan demonstrated), preferably at the golf course or lake. He had a welcoming, easy-going demeanor with a big smile that made everyone around him feel comfortable and valued.

Above all, John deeply enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Saturdays were "Grandpa Night" with dinners, movies, books, toys, and games. He was his grandchildren's biggest fan, as a fixture in the bleachers at their hockey and soccer games. He celebrated their achievements but cared much more about their happiness.

In addition to being an avid golfer, John also enjoyed reading, writing,

drawing, and walking. He lived passionately with a love of nature, creativity, learning, communion, and peaceful spirit that embodied the AA slogans of "live and let live," "one day at a time," "easy does it," "keep it simple," and "let go and let God."

John lived a simple, humble life that was free of pretense and full of gratitude. He had a wise, kind soul that quietly touched many lives. He was deeply curious, always learning, and never judging. He trusted in love and believed in a higher power.

John is survived by his son, John Montague (III), and daughter, Danielle Montague; grandchildren, Evan, Elle, Abbey, and Henry; siblings, Patty Johnson, Dick (Patti) Montague, Colleen (Tom) Morrow, Jeanne (Randy) Habstritt, and Tom (Louise) Montague; sister-in-law, Colleen Decelles; children-in-laws, Dawn Montague and Tim Ogg; granddogs Goldy, Scout, and Winnie; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John (Jack) and Gale; his wife, Donna; brothers, Steve and Jim Montague; sisters, Susan Knotz and Linda Carlson; and brother-in-law Jim Halloran.

A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 PM on Friday, November 29, 2024, at WASHBURN-MCGREAVY FUNERAL CHAPEL (5000 W 50th Street, Edina, MN 55346) with a visitation at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be collected by the family for the donation of a permanent gift to his golf club.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *It's so sad that John has "left us!" We valued the serenity and peace that each of us gained and shared through our involvement in sharing our experience, strength and hope through the 12 Step Program. Wyonne Long*

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**Wyonne Long** - January 20, 2025 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Laura and Sameer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Patrick Montague, Sr..*



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**Laura and Sameer** - November 29, 2024 at 12:35 PM