



John Michael Reardon

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Celebrating the Life of John Michael Reardon

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John Michael Reardon, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and esteemed member of his community, peacefully passed away, leaving behind a legacy of inspiration, warmth, and wisdom. Born with a passion for life and a deep love for his Irish heritage, John touched countless lives through his roles as an entrepreneur, educator, spiritual leader, and storyteller.

Proud entrepreneur and founder of Phoenix Process Consultants (1984), John was a prolific author and a legendary storyteller, whose words brought joy and insight to all who listened. He was a lover of all things Celtic, steadfast spiritual leader, and community builder. His commitment to family was unwavering—John was a dedicated and devoted husband of 65 years to the love of his life, Phyllis, and a proud and loving father of 5 children Sean (Melissa), Erin (Mark), Brendan (Renee), Brian (Kerynda) and Megan, and grandfather of 9 grandchildren Justin (Daniel), Kyle, Brendan (Ali), Courtney (Patrick), Grace, Liam (Meghan), Elizabeth, Michaela (Austin), Katie, and great-granddaughter Violet. John was brother to Marie and Jim Reardon. He was preceded in death by his grandson Kyle.

A lifelong teacher and learner, John served as a teacher, youth minister, counselor/therapist, and consultant, always seeking to uplift those around him. His playful spirit made him a purveyor of shenanigans and an infamous instigator of conversation, fostering laughter and connection wherever he went.

John's legacy will continue to shine in the hearts of his family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known him. He will be remembered not only for his accomplishments but for the love, kindness, and inspiration he shared throughout his remarkable life.

John's funeral will take place at Pax Christi Catholic Community, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347 on Saturday, November 15. Visitation will begin at 9:00am, followed by his funeral mass at 11:00am followed by a reception. Pax Christi will provide a livestream of the funeral mass.

If you feel inspired, please wear something green to honor John
In lieu of flowers please give to Pax Christi Church: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/paxchristi>

Tribute Wall

BP

“ John was my chair for my masters at Adler. I wanted to work with him for many reasons but a big reason was that I needed someone who could pronounce “ceili” and knew why it was important to weave in Irish dance to everything I do. Rest in peace and power. Much love to his family and all who knew him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam

Beth Pitchford - November 14, 2025 at 12:49 PM

BN

“ As one of Johns, many Nieces and Nephews, I am speaking for the ten Schneider family, that Lived on the Home Farm. We especially enjoyed the laughter, and the positive energy that a visit from Phyllis and John would render. As we got older we enjoyed them for their youth full energy to play baseball and football . Later at family picnics-large gathering- We loved Johns handsome face and spirit !! I am the third oldest of Ed and Helen's grandchildren. Barbara Marie, Elizabeth -Schneider- Haley. Our Sympathy to Aunt Phyllis and her family!!

Barbara Haley Niece - November 12, 2025 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ John's passing was shocking news... I am so sorry for your loss and the loss for all of us. He was a charismatic person and a favorite uncle. I loved his sense of humor and contagious fun attitude. I walk with you in spirit and am eternally grateful to have known John.

Chris Schneider - November 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM

NS

“ Deeply saddened by your loss, Reardon family. John was a favorite Uncle of mine. He tried to make a marathon runner out of me, but one Twin Cities Marathon was all I could muster. For me, John played the role of coach, mentor, teacher, and friend. His impact on me personally and professionally has been profound and the world is a better place because John lived in it. Much love to family and friends.

Nick Schneider - November 06, 2025 at 09:17 AM

SC

“ To John and Family ,
I am blessed to have known him from a young age, through my friendships with his children, prayers for his wonderful family, whom I love.
Carmie

Steven Carmichael - November 03, 2025 at 07:34 PM

NA

“ John was generous, personable, and laser-sharp driven. I love how he shared his own personal insights into how his private logic guided and challenged him. He led from that place. I appreciated his rare merging of agrarian life with psychological awareness and spiritual community. He made psychology accessible to the general public. It gave me hope that I could belong somewhere after transitioning to urban life from a rural upbringing. He also encouraged me, just as he would his own daughter, a strong female. It reminded me that I also appreciated my time with my husband in his Wellness Program. That was where he taught me about his personal philosophy on two types of dying.... bodily, and psychologically... and how he couldn't escape one, but he never wanted to experience the latter. He was truly alive psychologically all the time I've known him. What a wonderful model. I will miss him and be thankful for the times I had to talk with him.

Natalee - November 03, 2025 at 10:17 AM

TD

“ John and I were supposed to meet for lunch today to work on a positive parenting project. I was very much looking forward to his jokes, inspiration, encouragement, support, strength and seemingly genuine interest in what / who is in front of him. I am saddened by the news but so honored to have been mentored/ taught by John!! Tamara

Tamara Dauphin-Whear - October 31, 2025 at 05:58 PM

HS

What a shock! Peace be unto you, John. 😞

Hallie M. Williams Sr. - October 31, 2025 at 10:38 PM

JA

We enter the world crying, while those around us are smiling. When we've impacted others, we leave the world smiling, while those we've touched are crying.

*When Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure, 'tis like a morn in spring.
In the lilt of Irish laughter,
You can hear the angels sing.*

Let the journey begin 🙏🍀

John Awe - November 01, 2025 at 03:13 PM

MD

I was reflecting on John's impact on my life and realized it was immeasurable. I dedicated a blog to him: Encouragement as Oxygen: Lessons from My Mentor, John Reardon - Anavah Consulting <https://share.google/4ztUvQPuvarrPHY1R> - His legacy lives on in all the work I do and how I live my life. He will be missed!!

Michelle Doerr - November 01, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LF

He will be so missed! Peace and thoughts go to his family, both personal and at Adler.

Louise Ferry - November 01, 2025 at 07:35 PM

MD

he was a grand mentor and support to me, he used to say when I was mixing it up with colleagues---is this a private fight or can I join in..... I will miss your wisdom, creativity, and love John-thank you and raise some hell in heaven..... PS you told me once men can't save this world it is the women who will do that--well talk to God and Mary please we need all the help we can get.

Molly DePrekel - November 01, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JW

John was a teacher, role model, mentor, encourager, and growth-agent for so many, including me. I'm so grateful for his influence and presence in my life. May his inspiration live on in the hearts of all those he touched. Sending comfort and prayers to his family.

Jim Wagner - November 03, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KB

John was an unfailingly kind, supportive, and encouraging teacher. He made everyone feel important. I loved his sense of humor and we bonded on our Irish heritage, and our love of learning. He was an inspiration to me and his loss will be felt by so many of us who benefited from his teachings and his ability to bring humor and joy into every conversation.

Kathleen Bischel Beddow, November 10

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LV

John gave me a new lease on life at a very difficult time. His Adlerian wisdom and dynamic teachings opened new doors of awareness that changed my life forever. So grateful to this man for helping me move forward and bringing me to the Adler teachings. Love on dear John!

Lisa Venable - November 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM