John Anthony Warren

December 15, 1946 - February 28, 2025

John Anthony (Jack) Warren was born December 15, 1946 in St Paul, MN to Margaret Beyer Warren and William W Warren II. Jack was the fifth of Maggie's and Bill's eight children, born 7 minutes after his twin sister, Jill. Jack attended St Mark's Grade School and Cretin High School, graduating in 1964. His first two years of post-high school education were spent at the College of the Holy Cross in Worchester, MA. Jack returned to the Twin Cities to complete his BA in English at the University of Minnesota. He later completed an MA in English and an MBA, also at the University of Minnesota.

It was during his undergraduate days at the U of M that Jack met his wife who was his beloved partner for the remainder of his life. They were married on June 12, 1971. They loved their home in Minneapolis and their lake home on Sturgeon Lake near Hinckley, MN.

Jack spent most of his working years with Automatic Data Processing, Inc (ADP) as a District Manager in the Human Resources Department.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother David, sister Shelley, and sister Wendy. He is survived by his wife of 53 years and his siblings William W Warren III (Casey), Richard Warren Sr, Jill Warren, Deb Warren and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was a voracious reader, notably of classic literature. He could provide a quote from a Shakespeare play for just about any occasion. He was also an avid sports fan, especially of the sports he participated in, baseball and football.

To honor Jack's memory, please consider a contribution to Our Lady of Peace Hospice https://ourladyofpeacemn.org or to the United Way https://www.gtcuw.org/

Tribute Wall

MR

Jack and I became friends because we both had an interest in the theater program. A bunch of us 'theater kids' became very close friends and kept in touch for years after high school. Jack and I spent a lot of evenings sharing our solutions to all the world's problems over a surprising amount of Gallo Table Red wine. For more than fifty years there was a picture on my wall of Jack and I wearing black tie at some event at the Women's City Club in Loring Park. I still think we looked cool in that picture.

My condolences to all the Warren Family on the loss of Jack's slightly larger than life size presence.

Michael Ridge, Cretin, Class of '64

Michael Ridge - March 13, 2025 at 04:23 PM

DW

Great memories, Mike! Thanks.
I remember you well. I'd love to see that photo if you still have it. Text to 6126697521. Lordy, the Gallo consumed in those times!!
Deb Warren

Deb Warren - March 14, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JW

Thank you Mike, for sharing your memories of Jack. I too remember you and hope you can share that memorable photo with us. Jill Warren

Jill Warren - March 15, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MV

Dear Warren Family, My name is Mark Votel, I was a 1964 Cretin High School classmate of John's. I have many great memories of him . We shared the same homeroom for for years. I remember that he was athletic, had a good sense of humor and was an all around nice guy. I am sorry for your loss. Mark Votel

Mark Votel - March 12, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DW

Thank you, Mark. You sum him up well.🙂 Deb Warren

Deb Warren - March 14, 2025 at 10:32 AM

AR

My condolences to the Warren family on the death of Jack. My remembrance of Jack is his carrying that big bass fiddle to gigs. I never heard him play the fiddle but I admired his determination to play such a big instrument.

In a comment above Michael Ridge wrote about Jack's slightly larger than life size presence. I found that the whole family was that way starting with their mom and dad. Remember mom driving that big Lincoln Continental. Remember the house on Selby that had no end of rooms. Remember the athletic prowess of each of the boys - each kid was so strong and coordinated. I never saw the girls play sports but I always assumed they were equally strong.

I live with gratitude for getting to know the Warren's at Cretin.
Live ,Jesus, in our hearts! Forever!

Tony Roszak
Cretin class of 1956

ANTHONY F ROSZAK - March 14, 2025 at 06:12 PM

Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. What a unique guy. Funny, odd. artsy, smiling, easy company. Best to his Family. Tom Jacobs Holy Cross 1968

Tom Jacobs - March 15, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JW

Thank you, Tom. So great to hear from a Holy Cross classmate of Jack. Jill Warren

Jill Warren - March 15, 2025 at 04:35 PM

JW

What great memories of the Warren family, Tony! And I love your remembrance of Jack and that bass fiddle. Thank you. Jill Warren

Jill Warren - March 15, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JW

Mark, thank you for your tribute to Jack and for your condolences. Jill Warren

Jill Warren - March 15, 2025 at 05:00 PM

DW

Tony, such terrific detailed memories! Thanks for sharing. He lugged that big ol' fiddle up and down the narrow basement stairs often. He accompanied his jazz records down there. At least once, a bus driver charged him full fare for the bass.😄

Deb Warren - March 15, 2025 at 10:56 PM