



John "Stork" Martin Robinson

September 6, 1969 - December 5, 2020

John Martin Robinson, "Stork", 51, of Rockwall, TX, passed away on December 5, 2020. John was born on September 6, 1969, to Ray Gordon Robinson and Lone Frances (Casselman) Robinson, in Tucson, AZ. He loved visiting his Grandpa "Joe" in Leadville, Colorado where he learned to ski in the alley behind his grandparents' house. He loved his time in Germany when his dad was stationed in Bitburg and even though Germany to Del City, OK was quite the culture shock, he loved the friends and memories that journey brought him. John was a genuine light in the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

John was not a man of many words, but the words he spoke were heard. Over the years, many people have known John in their own way. Everyone has their own version of John that they remember, but all shared one common theme: his ability to bring an atmosphere of peace to any room he entered. John was an incredibly selfless person, always putting others first. A musical man, John was the longest employed band director at Sachse High School. For many, he was a book end. He taught the parents of several of his current students, all of whom were excited that their kids were getting to join the full-circle family created by the band.

John was a lifelong Denver Broncos fan and a mega OSU fan, it's where his tall and thin frame earned him the nickname "Stork". The drumline or "Hackers" were his extended family and provided many stories and memories. He attended Oklahoma State University where he met the love of his life, Darla Wren Hunter. The two were inseparable, and married on December 17, 1994, in Sapulpa, OK, then moved to Enid, OK to continue his teaching with the Enid High School "Big Blue Band". They eventually brought two wonderful children into the world while in Enid. They were the official "band babies". While in Enid, John was part of a Jazz Combo with other band directors named the "Jazz Daddies" and loved their gigs. In 2002, the family moved to Texas to begin a new adventure at Grand Prairie High School and then onto Sachse High school.

His students will remember him as their favorite band director, always ready to go with a

“dad joke” or a lost-in-time movie quote, often prompted with the question, “What movie is that from?”, to which he would respond: “Figure it out”. There will be a missing component to the band family, shoes that cannot be filled.

John is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Darla Wren Robinson; children: Kai Robinson and Jackson R. Robinson; parents: Ray and Lone Robinson; mother and father-in-law: Jack and Kathryn Isbell; sisters: Wendy Holm and husband Greg, and Lynne Howard and husband Chris; brother-in-law: Randy Isbell and wife Sherri; sister-in-law, their children Payton and Ali: Crystal Isbell and children Justin and Kaylin; aunts and uncles: Dale Robinson and wife Carla, Mary Cunio and husband Jim, Jan Dyer, and Chuck Casselman; nieces: Landry and Kellen Howard and Abbey Holm. John is preceded in death by his grandparents: Frank and Helen Casselman and Gus “Joe” and Thelma Robinson; and brother-in-law: Chad Isbell.

John was a prior member of OkMEA, OBA, PASIC and was part of the Kappa Kappa Psi-Alpha Chapter “worst pledge class ever”. He has been a member of TMEA since moving to Texas and his fondest memory was introducing Kai to her first TMEA convention this year. He was also able to take Jackson on the band trip this year and have special memories with “the Boy”.

Memorial services will be on January 16th at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, TX. The family is asking John’s drumline, any alums and former “hacking” colleagues that are able to come join in with a few cadences to honor him.

Memorials: John was always thinking of others, and would give the shirt off his back to help someone out. He and Darla made a habit of seeing a need and filling it. Donations to some of his favorite causes are requested in John’s name to keep the spirit of giving, especially around Christmas, his favorite holiday. If you are able, be an organ donor. John has saved multiple lives already with his selfless donations. Southwest Transplant Alliance is the organization that handled his donation and they were an incredible comfort to Darla, Kai, and Jackson. Darla and the children are also planning to set up a memorial at Sachse High School for students who struggle to pay their fees. John and Darla secretly paid for some over the years, even when times were tough personally, and the family would like to carry that on in his honor.

“Take my hand, I’ll lead you to salvation
Take my love, for love is everlasting
And remember, the truth that once was spoken:
To love another person is to see the face of God.”

“Finale” from Les Miserables

Comments



“ I had a great time knowing him he was always in a let's do this mood and making hilarious remarks

Joe Lozano - December 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ John was a man a few words, but if you needed something he was always right there to help out.

joseph - December 14, 2020 at 07:51 PM



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Darla Robinson - December 11, 2020 at 04:07 PM