



John Keith Melady

May 5, 1955 - August 24, 2018

John Keith Melady, age 63, of St. Augustine, Florida passed away August 24, 2018 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring after a courageous struggle with diabetes. Born in South Bend, Indiana to the late John David and Nona Melady, he grew up in Lafayette, Indiana. After graduating from high school, John toured the US with rock-n-roll bands, playing guitar and working as a sound technician. Following this, he was employed by Zales Jewelers, starting in sales and working his way up to store manager. After attaining his GIA certification, he traveled the world buying gemstones. After eight years in the jewelry business, John attended and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Hospitality. He worked promoting tourism in Indiana and also managed hotels, restaurants and bars all over the country. While working in St. Augustine, John met and married his wife, Jennifer. They moved to Arizona for three years where he managed the four-star restaurant L'Auberge de Sedona. In 2006 they returned to St. Augustine, where John worked on restoring old vehicles. His latest project was a 1970 Mustang. John had a very outgoing personality, enjoyed being around people, and was known for his sense of humor and his "bad joke of the day". He rescued stray dogs, and was especially fond of German Shepherds. John held the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel, commissioned by the Governor of Kentucky in 1990. He attended cooking school in France and was an accomplished chef and mixologist. John was a highly creative individual whose life was all too brief. He will always be loved, missed and remembered by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer King and dogs Rusty, Max and Jack; brother, Larry Melady (Charlotte); niece, Nisha Melady; and sister, Kathleen Melady Gick (Gary). Interment will take place at a later date in New Carlisle, Indiana, where he will be buried with his parents and grandparents. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Friends may register online at <http://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituary/john-melady>. Memorials appreciated to the animal rescue organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my condolences for your loss of a cherished loved one. I have found my greatest comfort in knowing that this is not the way it is supposed to be- and that God will soon wipe away our tears and eliminate death once and for all. . (Psalms 37:9-11, 29; Rev 21:3,4)

Dan Lawrence - September 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Jennifer, we are very sorry to learn of John's passing. Our thoughts are with you.

Alan & Heide Freed - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Jen, we are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of you

andy herman & jane powers - September 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I remember the Melady family they was pretty close as neighbors to us in Octagon.....So sorry for the familys loss and My he R.I.P. and Fly High With The Angels.....

Rosetta Mitton Flores - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Great guy enjoyed the I had with him will surely be missed.

Mike Dollison - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ So very sorry to hear of John's passing. What a wonderful, colorful life! Our hearts reach out to his siblings and esp Kathleen whom we know well and love.

Peggy and Dave Sucher - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM