



John Hendrik van Olphen

March 26, 1946 - April 7, 2021

John van Olphen, 75, of St. Augustine, Florida passed away Wednesday April 7, 2021 at the Bailey Center for Caring. Jan (John) van Olphen was born on March 26, 1946 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands as the fourth child of the late Hendrik and Guliana Benjamina Scharp van Olphen.

John moved to Bellaire, Texas in 1951 (at age 5) with his family and became an American citizen in 1956; his name was officially changed to John Hendrik van Olphen. He attended Bellaire schools and Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He married Carol Conway of Bedford, OH in 1967 and then attended University of Utrecht School of veterinary medicine (the Netherlands) where their first child was born. After graduating, they moved to South Florida in 1974 where he started working as a veterinarian and their second child was born. The family relocated to St. Augustine, Florida where he opened St. Augustine Animal Clinic. John continued practicing veterinary medicine for 25 years in St Augustine while opening many other clinics in North Florida.

John was a devoted father to his two children. If he wasn't working as a veterinarian, he was spending time with his family. He loved to travel both domestically and internationally, always interested in local history. He was an avid football fan, especially of the Jacksonville Jaguars, and loved to attend games. He enjoyed spending time with his companion, Rachelle Parthoens of Belgium and with his local, longtime friends. He was also an active member and deacon at Anastasia Baptist Church for many years.

John was predeceased by his parents and two sisters Guliana and Carolina,

and his wife, Carol.

John leaves two sisters and a brother Wilhelmina of Vermont, Juliana of Virginia and Herman of Texas, his companion, Rachelle Parthoens of Belgium, his two sons, Kevin van Olphen of St. Augustine and Chris van Olphen of Atlanta and 4 Grandchildren, Kaylee, Tyler, Brandon and Sarah.

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of his arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ John was a wonderful friend and neighbor for over 10 years. We shared common interests and always enjoyed talking to John when we traveled. He was so generous to allow us to stay in his home when we had relocated and were visiting St Augustine. He will be missed.
Our sincere condolences to his friends and families.

Rick and Debbie Duggan - June 15, 2021 at 05:14 PM

IR

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family and friends of John and to Rachelle. My deepest sympathies go out to you all. I will remember John as a very kind man with a gentle soul. May he rest in peace.



*Ilse, niece from Rachelle
Tongeren, Belgium*

ilse raedts - April 30, 2021 at 02:53 AM

LP

“ Geachte Familie,

*De leegte die John U nalaat
wordt opgevuld met de herinnering aan een prachtige man;
zo blijven we toch verbonden
en vervaagt er elke grens.*

Innige deelneming

Lizzy, vriendin van Rachelle

Lizzy Proesmans - April 21, 2021 at 12:32 PM

LP

“*Dag John,
Op Nieuwjaarsdag zagen we ons nog even langs Face Talk bij
Rachelle thuis en jij wenkte me "Hallo Lizzy toe".
Ik zal me jou altijd blijven herinneren als een in-goede man voor
Rachelle, een fijne zachte en lieve vriend voor de anderen die jou
hier bij elk weerzien omringden oa
na de wekelijkse filmclub.
Wij zullen jou nog missen John.*

Lizzy, Rachelle's vriendin.

Lizzy Proesmans - April 21, 2021 at 12:26 PM

AL

“*Sincere condolences to the Von Olphen family from Allen & Paulette
who reside in Condo above John. Wonderful neighbor and friend
who we shared conversation and laughs with. Will be missed.*

Allen Lauro - April 19, 2021 at 08:34 PM

RJ

“ I have very good memories of the time we studied together. It was the start of a friendship for ever, together with our common friend Marcel Bosman.

Many times we met in Holland in my home or in Hasselt were lives Rachelle. Then we had a good time together.

Special memory: I went to John for his birthday in 1975 and for the first time my girlfriend came with me. When we went home I asked her to marry me (and she said 'yes'). Now she is my wife for 45 years.

In 1998 we went to Florida together with our youngest son. John showed us a lot of the region where he lived and we had a good time in his home together with Carol.

Rob en Janneke Opmeer

Robert Jan - April 19, 2021 at 05:19 PM

JF

“ Samen met Rachelle in Memphis John ontmoet. Vanaf dat moment bevriend geraakt, en gebleven, ook samen met mijn ex-echtgenoot, veel mooie, gezellige momenten beleefd.

Ik zal mij John blijven herinneren als een lieve, rustige, man met humor.

Het is een feest hem gekend te hebben.

Condoleances aan familie, Rachelle, en vrienden. John is écht te jong heen gegaan.

Joke Flaming, Amsterdam.

Joke Flaming - April 18, 2021 at 08:34 AM

RP

“ We heard of the loss of John, and wish you all strength in these sad days.

Hilde and Raph (brother of Rachelle)

Raph Parthoens - April 17, 2021 at 05:11 AM

LP

“ *Veel sterkte aan familie en vrienden. Wij vonden John een fijne en rustige man.*

Louisa en Ludo (broer van Rachelle)

Ludo Parthoens - April 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MM

“ *So very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a special guy and will be missed by many. Treasure your memories with him. My prayers for you, your family, and Kevin during this very difficult time 🙏❤️*

Mary-Jean Macedonia - April 16, 2021 at 02:17 AM