

John Richard Boston was born in Trout Creek, Mich., in the Upper Peninsula on 1/12/1933 to Hattie Bruhn and Peter Samuel Boston. His father died when John was 8 years old. He had nine siblings, 2 of whom died in infancy. The family lived in a small house, moving as needed. Their home started out without indoor water or electricity and it was a relief when they moved to a house with an indoor water pump and didn't have to get water from the creek anymore.

One of his memories was of his mother calling "Johnny!" in winter mornings. His job was to go to the kitchen and light the wood stove in order to heat the house. Despite putting on his boots, his feet would be numb by the time he got back into bed.

John was a great reader in school and frequent visitor to the school library. He read all the books available to him particularly enjoying the classics. He graduated in 1950 and was considered the smartest kid they had yet seen.

After graduation, John moved to Detroit to work in an ice factory. When the Korean War started he heard that if you were drafted you'd go to the war arena, but if you volunteered, you might not. So John volunteered for the Army serving 1950-1952. He was sent to the occupying army in Austria where he learned downhill skiing.

With the help of the GI Bill, John went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He enjoyed learning German and graduated with a Masters in Business Administration, class of 1959. While at the university, John met Sylvia Ciszewski, the woman he would marry.

John graduated in a recession and found there were no jobs for him in Michigan. He settled in Southern California where he worked for The Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo. John stayed with The Aerospace Corp. steadily moving upwards in the

organization. Soon after he started the company opened a branch in San Bernardino. By this time John had a growing family and they decided to move to San Bernardino and for a promotion.

John and Sylvia had two daughters, Lynn (born in 1962) and Lori (born in 1964). John was an excellent father to his two girls. He played with them when they were young and was there for them for his entire life. John and Sylvia divorced in 1982. In 1984 Lynn gave birth to John's granddaughter, Maria Elizabeth Rodriguez.

In 1971, the family moved to Torrance and John returned to The Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo. This turned into a great move for John. He eventually became the Finance Director.

John retired in the early 1990s and bought property in Bullhead City, Ariz. He enjoyed gambling at the quarter Keno machines. He had certain sets of numbers he used over and over again. He enjoyed going on vacations with his daughters. Lori, her husband, and John would go to Vegas and Hawaii. Lynn and John would take visits to Trout Creek and wander the Upper Peninsula. The first of these trips was in 1988 for the Trout Creek Centennial.

He was a very kind and generous man.

Eventually years of smoking caught up with him. In 2000 he had a number of surgeries and decided to quit smoking. He was diagnosed with COPD. By 2010 John was on oxygen and was suffering from pneumonia regularly. In January 2011 he had a small heart attack, necessitating bypass surgery in February. He never woke up. He was 78 years old.

He is survived by his sister Edith Schramm, daughters Lynn Baden and Lori Knight, granddaughter Maria Rodriguez, nieces Becky Kramer and Patti Coss, and nephews Tim and Jeff Boston.