

John A. Jackson

John A. Jackson, 53, of Richmond, Missouri, entered his Heavenly home Friday, December 18, 2009, surrounded by his loving family. John was the son of Don & Jan (Hamacher) Jackson. He was a lifelong Richmond resident graduating from Richmond High School in 1974. He attended Southwest Missouri State University graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance and General Business. Upon completion of college, John moved back to Richmond to manage Jackson's Hardware, Inc., eventually serving as third generation owner. In 1982, John married Kathran Taylor of Richmond. While in college, John served as both Treasurer and President of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity where he formed lifelong friendships. John was a member of the Richmond United Methodist Church, Past President of the Richmond Rotary Club, director of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Industrial Development Corporation, Ray County Industrial Development Corporation, Past President of the Ray County Chapter Duck's Unlimited and Ray County Library Board involved with the construction of the new library. He also served as a member of the True Value Cooperative serving on the True Value Toy Committee and other committees and was instrumental in the organization of Just Ask Rental within the True Value Company. He was especially proud of his family's business serving the Richmond community for 60 years. After retirement, John recorded public service announcements for Bott Radio Station in Richmond. John led a full, rich and rewarding life. He had a deep love for this family and many friends. John beamed when speaking of his children and cherished each moment he shared with them. He enjoyed annual float trips with several close friends for over 30 years. The last few years he traveled extensively visiting family and friends. John refused to be defined by the disease that ravaged his body and remained hopeful throughout the long arduous journey. John was preceded in death by his sister, Julie and father, Don. In addition to his wife and mother, other survivors include one brother, Jim Jackson and wife Kathy of Warrensburg; one sister, Jane Jackson; and children Julie and Jay Jackson and foreign exchange daughter Susanne Krøvel of Oslo, Norway. The strong bonds John formed during his college years lead him to request memorial contributions following his death be made to the Pi Kappa Alpha, Zeta Chi Alumni Association where a scholarship will be set up in his name. In lieu of flowers, additional memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Keith Worthington Chapter for continued support to families afflicted with this horrible disease. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at the Richmond United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Monday, December 21, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, MO. Thurman Funeral Home, Richmond, MO is in charge of arrangements.