



Mr. John F. Palin

April 28, 1928 - December 12, 2014

John F. Palin left us on December 12, 2014 and will forever remain in our hearts. John joins his wife and companion of 62 years, Roberta, who left us in 2010, in a new life of adventures. He is survived by son Daniel and daughter Renee who miss their father dearly.

John was a Civil Engineer, earning his BS from Purdue University. His engineering career transitioned to management, and he retired almost 40 years later as a Vice President of Kawneer Company, a manufacturer and distributor of architectural aluminum products.

He was a practicing engineer his entire life, always inquisitive, thinking, designing, and creating. A passionate woodworker, he constructed furniture of glass, metals, and wood, and laminated and turned exotic woods into many beautiful creations. He fulfilled his dream of sailing by acquiring a 19-ft O'Day sailboat on July 20, 1969, which was fondly remembered as the same day Neil Armstrong first set foot on the moon. The family enjoyed many years on the water from the Great Lakes to the Florida Keys.

In retirement, John designed the house he and Roberta built together in Montana while living in a tent, communing with bears, deer, and other wildlife on the outskirts of Missoula. He and Roberta spent many of the following summers in Missoula and traveled throughout North America in their

motorhome, visiting old friends and developing new friendships along the way. Their personable qualities endeared them to everyone and cultivated many long term relationships. John's youthful attitude, interests, and leadership made him an inspiration and mentor to many and a friend to all.

John would appreciate flowers or donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

A memorial service will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell GA on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 2:00 pm with a Celebration of Life to follow at Founders Hall, 1076 Canton Street, Roswell GA from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
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Tribute Wall



“ Daniel, I know this is late, but I think of you and meeting your parents in the lovely chalet up the rattlesnake in missoula that your father designed so beautifully. Such memories. Be well friend of that long ago...

ali - January 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Mr. John F. Palin

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

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“ My heart goes out to Dan and Renee. Although I never knew Bobby and John's son and daughter, I share their sadness at the loss of their dad, John, and a number of years ago, at the loss of their mother, Bobby..

I worked with Bobby at the Grand Rapids, MI, public schools. We were school psychologists and shared many days, good times and experiences as friends and as fellow workers. She would come to GR Monday through Friday then return to Indianapolis over the weekend. I had opportunity to know John as well and one of my favorite memories is the delightly entire day and evening they spent at my home in GR as Bobby was leaving GR.

After Bobby went, 'home-home,' John and I remained in contact via email. The last email I received from him was to tell me he was on his way to a medical check up. A few days later, Dan phoned and told me John had gone 'home-home.' We talked for a long time and finally found a little peace realizing that Bobby and John were enjoying each other's company again and we would enjoy their comraderie and presence 'down the road.' as well. It is friends like Bobby and John that ultimately make life meaningful and significant.

I send a never ending warm hug to Bobby and John's family and friends.

Susan Boulter

Susan C Boulter - January 12, 2015 at 12:51 PM

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“ My best friend from our freshman year in high school was Bobbie (Roberta) Isbell, who became Roberta Palin, and while we remained good friends for life, her best friend was her husband, John Palin. And he became a friend to me, as well. It was invigorating to be with John. He was always interested in how everything worked or how he could make things work, and he exuded an energy that could be inspiring. But most inspiring was how much he and Bobbie loved each other. That is the memory I will carry with me: the two of them together, as they are now.

Jenny Garden

Jenny Garden - January 07, 2015 at 03:34 PM