



John Wesley Pas

December 4, 1940 - July 29, 2021

John Pas of Milford, formerly Sioux City. 80, passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Lakes Regional Healthcare Hospice in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

John was born on December 4, 1940, in Spencer, Iowa, the son of Wesley and Marjorie Pas. He was raised in Sioux City, IA and graduated from East High School. John was an outstanding high school athlete participating in football, baseball, and hockey which lead to his career choice of being a teacher and coach. He received multiple awards and was All State in football. He attended the University of Iowa, obtained his B.A from Morningside College and M.A from the University of South Dakota in education.

He met and married his best friend and only love, Karen Stientjes in High School. They were married over 50 years before her passing. Together, as educators, they made it their life's work to mold and inspire future generations. During that time they made their home in Sioux City raising their two children and later moved to the Lakes area in retirement to be closer to family.

During his career John taught Algebra and Geometry. He coached football, wrestling, and girls track before becoming a principal. In 1995 he was awarded Assistant Secondary Principal of the year by the school administrators of Iowa. Extremely talented in the field of computer programming he designed several programs used throughout the Sioux City school district.

Always there to support the students, he set high standards for himself and lead by example. He would claim he was not good at reading and writing however, he won a literacy award for writing a poem about "Candy Bars" confirming he would be a Cherry Bing.

His greatest joy was his family and he prided himself in spending time and sharing life experience and grandfatherly advice with the grandkids. John was passionate about golf, computers, gardening, cheering on the Hawkeyes and spending time with his dog and constant companion, Molly.

He is survived by his children, Randy (Amy) Pas, Teri (Chris) Pieters and four grandchildren, Jaci Pieters, Kiah Pieters, Tara Pas, Sam Pas, Brother Rick (Cheryl) Pas, sisters Betty (Fran) Parrish and Lynn Porter and several nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his wife Karen, parents and sister Kay.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ He was an asshole and didn't have the right mentality to be a good teacher. I had to ride the city bus every day and it was always a minute or two late and he called me out in front of the whole class every time until I told him to FO. and then he kicked me out of his class

tom cota - October 06, 2024 at 08:54 PM

DH

“ John was a very gentle and caring man. His students loved him and so did the parents. John was proud of the accomplishments of students. faculty and employees alike. May the Angels be with you John as you climb the stairway to Heaven.



Deb Hale - August 02, 2021 at 05:00 PM

DP

“ Darlene Powers lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas



Darlene Powers - August 02, 2021 at 01:33 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Taylor lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas



Yvonne Taylor - August 02, 2021 at 11:34 AM

YT

“ So sorry for the Loss of your Dad! The few times I met him he was a very nice man and I really enjoyed him! Sending you love and hugs.

Yvonne Taylor - August 02, 2021 at 11:33 AM

WH

“ My sympathy to John's family, many of whom I knew well - Randy, Lynn, and Betty. John was assistant principal at East High for awhile so as a teacher there and student council advisor we had a very good relationship. He was an outstanding administrator. May God's peace and your wonderful memories comfort you. (I'm now 88 and live in Sioux Falls.)

Willis Hanson - August 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM

BM

“ Jon was the best boss I ever had. I'll never forget seeing him at our morning technology meeting only 2 weeks after open heart surgery! They don't make them like that anymore. It was an honor knowing Jon Pas my sympathies. The world is a better place because of him.

Betsy Miller - August 01, 2021 at 07:54 PM

FM

“ Randy and Teri— was sorry to hear the passing of your father. I worked for several years with John at East High. He was our “guru” guy to go to for our computer questions. Know you both will miss him. Thoughts and prayers for you. Francine McGregor

Francine McGregor - August 01, 2021 at 03:54 PM

DH

“ DeepDee Hughes lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas



DeepDee Hughes - August 01, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of John Wesley Pas.



July 31, 2021 at 10:28 PM

JO

“ Randy and Teri,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of your Dad when we visited Sioux City as kids. Uncle John would take us to the pool in the summer and then we would ride in his convertible to get a root beer float at A&W. We also loved playing with Archimedes puppies. I thought it was so fun that you were able to play with her puppies "all the time". Your Dad had a kind heart, truly cared about kids and was fortunate to be such an integral part of your kids lives! He will be missed but he's cheering you all on from heaven.
With all our love,
Jody and Mark Macedonio

Jody - July 31, 2021 at 07:09 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

Randy

Randy Pas - August 02, 2021 at 08:45 AM

TH

“ John Pas was a great husband, dad, teacher, coach and true friend. Always there to help and support you.

Tom Peterson & Nancy Henry - July 31, 2021 at 11:41 AM



Dad always valued your friendship.

Randy Pas - August 02, 2021 at 08:46 AM

BW

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Pas family. Keeping you in our prayers.
Bev and Vern Wittler

Bev and Vern Wittler - July 30, 2021 at 07:59 PM

JD

“ *Our sympathies to the Pas family. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*
From the Duvalls



Jeff and Beth Duvall - July 30, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Wesley Pas.*



July 30, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JT

“ *Joe & Bre Toale purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Wesley Pas.*



Joe & Bre Toale - July 30, 2021 at 02:33 PM

DL

“ *Deb Lockey lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas*



Deb Lockey - July 30, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Wesley Pas.*



July 30, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *To The Pas Family.....I was saddened to read of the passing of such a loved one. Sending my condolences, prayers, and love to your family.....J. Carmichael*

Judy Carmichael - July 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *He was always "Coach" to me. He was my coach back in the mid 70's at Hayworth school in Sioux City. First it was 9th grade football and then wrestling. He also taught us Algebra. He would love drawing different versions of that Hawkeye mascot to use for the Hayworth Hawks. He made a difference in so many young persons lives. I will be forever grateful.*

Jan Coon - July 30, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ *Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas*



Beverly Sill - July 30, 2021 at 12:41 AM

MU

“ Mick And Bonnie Umscheid lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas



Mick and Bonnie Umscheid - July 29, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of John Wesley Pas.



July 29, 2021 at 10:31 PM

GR

“ Gary Rosemore lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Pas



gary rosemore - July 29, 2021 at 10:18 PM

RH

To John's family. He was a great leader and friend anyone needed him at East. Prayers for all. Ruth Holder

Ruth Holder - August 01, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BL

My sincere condolences. I have fond memories of all of you at Hayworth. Those were good years. Brad lego

brad lego - August 11, 2021 at 02:45 PM