

John Bradford Romney

December 5, 1939 ~ December 26, 2022

John Bradford Romney passed away peacefully the day after Christmas with his wife and children by his side. Known affectionately as “The Fox” to those who loved and adored him, John was a friend to everyone he met. He lit up every room he entered.

Born December 5, 1939, to Vernon Romney and Anna Lois Bradford Romney, John was dearly loved by his angel wife and precious teammate Cheré Henriksen Romney. His children, Tiffany Romney, Heather (Nate) Dallimore, John (Jennifer) Romney, Libby (Justin) Peterson, Melyssa (Aaron) Suzuki, and Scott (Kalani) Romney loved him dearly. He delighted in his 15 grandchildren: Paige, Marcus, Libby, Romney Fox, Anna Joy, Sawyer, Grace, John, Lauren, Mary Cheré, Capri, Summer, Tatum, Miles, and Rubey. He considered each one a glorious package of potential.

The youngest of eight children, John grew up on Yale Avenue and attended East High. He pursued his education at the University of Utah, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He later studied at Brigham Young University and the George Washington University.

John excelled in every stage of his professional life. After graduation, he worked in the CIA as a Cold War Russian analyst. His young family then moved from Washington, D.C., back to Utah. He joined Terracor, a land development company with projects such as Bloomington, near St. George. He greatly admired his Terracor colleagues. Later, he joined his brother Keith in pioneering the new field of condominium development. He and his family relocated to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. John was the founder and principal broker of Romney Real Estate. He went on to join the Huntsman Corporation, where he served for many years as Jon M. Huntsman’s executive assistant. He travelled extensively to promote numerous projects and initiatives. He never sought personal credit, but loved to compliment the contributions of others.

John served faithfully in the British Mission. He remained dear friends with many of his fellow missionaries. He enthusiastically served in various callings in the Monument Park Stake. He taught his children the gospel of Jesus Christ through his example.

His entire family revered John’s sage advice and gentle encouragement. Grandchildren looked forward to "Grandpa School," where life lessons were conveyed with his trademark “onward and upward” optimism. Annual family trips to Bear Lake and Newport Beach highlighted each summer.

John and Cheré were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 20, 1964. They joyously explored every corner of the globe together--from Africa to Asia to his beloved England. They frequently reminisced about and planned new family adventures to Michelin-starred restaurants, Wimbledon, the Masters, and countless college bowl games.

John’s perfect example of kindness will live on. The Fox will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched.

John is preceded in death by his brothers Vernon, Ralph, and Keith, and by his sister, Rowena Maher. He is survived by his sisters Yvonne Dixon, Beverly Cutler, and Geraldine Busath.

He loved every moment of his life and generously made sure everyone around him loved theirs, too.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the Monument Park Stake Center (1320 S. Wasatch Dr. in Salt Lake City). A public viewing will be held earlier that day from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.