



John Allen Ledingham PhD

May 8, 1941 - December 25, 2020

John Allen Ledingham, PhD, of Columbus, Ohio passed away on Christmas Day, 2020 in the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University.

John was born on May 8, 1941 to John and Irene Ledingham in Portsmouth, Ohio. After graduating from Springfield High School, he went on to study at The Ohio State University, where he received his B.A. in Journalism, and his M.A. in International Journalism. He then served as the Public Information Officer at the Public Utilities Commission, State of Ohio and the Director of Communication, Office of the Attorney General, State of Ohio. After receiving his PhD in Educational Communication, New Technologies in 1980 from The Ohio State University, he began a distinguished career as a college professor and communication and public relations researcher. John was on the faculties of Southern Illinois University, San Diego State University, University of Houston, University of Evansville (Chair), and Capital University, where he retired as Professor Emeritus. After his retirement John and Pegge moved to Hilton Head Island, SC and he taught at Savannah State University.

John was a prolific researcher and his work regarding the definition of public relations as relationship management was published in numerous academic journals including Communication Yearbook, PR Review, Journal of PR Research, Journal of Promotional Management. Working with Steven Bruning he wrote the book: Public Relations as Relationship Management. And, with Eyun-Jung Kim, wrote the book PR as Relationship Management.

John met the love of his life, Pegge McConachie in Columbus, where they were married and raised their family. Together they enjoyed his passion for playing music and his love of Ohio State Basketball. But more than anything, he loved spending time with John, Kristin and grandchildren.

John was predeceased by his parents, and his brothers, Jerry and Michael. John is survived by his wife, Pegge, his son John (Susan) Santa Cruz, CA and their daughter

Kristin Pierce (JC), New Canaan, CT, grand children Jack and Ethan Ledingham and Harper Pierce, his brother Steven, as well as his Aunt Sally Voiers, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to recognize the caring physicians and nurses at the Ross Heart Hospital for John's outstanding care.

Because of COVID, there will be private services for the family. Please consider a donation to your favorite charity in John's memory.

Comments



“ Pegge: I am sorry to hear of John's passing. We were friends at OSU (Spanish class, I think and we spent a Saturday in Nelsonville with some ROTC training, he for The Lantern or WOSU (great voice!!) and I for Makio pictures.) We ran into each other a couple times after school, but then lost track. That was a mistake. He was a great guy, the kind people never forget. It's sad to know he no longer walks the Earth. Nothing can make up for his loss, but know that you and your family are in my thoughts.

David Smucker - December 31, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ Pegge, wanted you to know how sorry and sad I am to hear about John. You guys were quite “the pair”. How very lucky for both of you. Sending love and prayers to you and your family

Lucie Blumenthal - December 30, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Pegge,

Though at least 12 years have passed since I saw John (and longer since I last saw you at Leff & Squiccerini), I was sorry and surprised to see John's obituary in today's Dispatch as I searched for someone' else's obituary.

Our relationship goes back as far as our mutual days in Evansville when he taught at Southern Indiana at you at St. Mary's Hospital. John was always helpful and brought Brian Usher and me into ECOT (a novel concept at the time!), gracious with me and was a real pro in research. I have good memories of him and I as glad to know him.

God's blessings be on his soul and to you during this time of grief.

Howard Mitchell
Columbus

Howard R Mitchell - December 28, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Deep sympathy to Pegge for the loss of your wonderfully kind and funny husband. You were so blessed to have such a partner, husband and father to your children. God. continue to bless you and your family. Madelon Palmo

Madelon Palmo - December 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ John and Pegge were my neighbors and partners on Fair Avenue. John was a great friend and neighbor who loved his sports cars and music and everything else good in life. Kind, thoughtful, and selfless- an example for us all. Seems as only yesterday that Kristin was babysitting for us. Rest in peace John, your Fair Avenue friend misses you.

Sam Shamansky - December 28, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Doc John was one of my favorite professors at Capital. He was so optimistic about every thing and always had a positive twists on things. Even took me for a I drink when I graduated. I'm so glad I got to know this man in the classroom on the basketball and also just as a man. God bless him.

Bertram McCleskey - December 27, 2020 at 11:38 PM