

**John Robert McKittrick**  
**8-30-1946 to 8-25-2019**

ORLANDO, Fla. - John Robert McKittrick, 72, of Orlando, Fla., died unexpectedly of a heart attack Aug. 25, 2019, collapsing outside of his condo.

He was born Aug. 30, 1946, in Pana, to Robert and Elsie Brookens McKittrick. He married Sally Joy McKittrick on Dec. 22, 1973, at the Funks Grove Church, McLean, and celebrated 45 years of marriage last year surrounded by family.



John earned both a B.S. (1969) and an M.S. in education (1973) from Illinois State University. He worked as a sixth grade teacher for one year before serving in the U.S. Army, then as a high school counselor and a store manager before spending the rest of his career as a school counselor for Octavia/Ridgeview schools while living in Normal. Once retired he and his wife moved to Hot Springs Village, Ark., and moved to Orlando, Fla., in 2017.

John supported many organizations both financially and with his service including the Southern Poverty Law Center and as a member of the Optimist Club. He enjoyed sports, outdoor activities, golf, traveling and reading.

He was always striving to help people be able to share their best qualities with others. He was a living lesson in humility, service and caregiving. As a school counselor, he helped guide countless students into better lives than they would have had without his genuinely caring nature. As a father, he spent the time to listen and really cared about sharing valuable advice. He was supportive of anything that we took an interest in and never hindered our pursuit of our dreams and goals. As a husband, John was simply the kindest, most indulging and loving man any woman could have ever imagined.

John is survived by his wife, Sally; sons, Mikel and Chad (Vanessa); granddaughter, Kaylee; brother, Dale (Gloria); and sisters, Linda, Donna (Jerome) Pleshe and Karen (Larry) Spiegler. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of John's life was held on Oct. 19 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal, 1613 E. Emerson St., Bloomington.