



John M. Kahoun

June 15, 1933 - January 11, 2018

John Moody Kahoun, 84, a lifelong resident of Chicago, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, January 11, 2018 after living a full and loving life.

Born on June 15, 1933 in Chicago's southside Roseland neighborhood, John was the oldest of four boys. He graduated from Morgan Park Military Academy in 1951, earning varsity letters in football and wrestling as he developed cherished, lifelong friends. After receiving a football scholarship to Ripon College and attending Kent Law School, John served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in Germany where he fell in love with the Beer Gardens and the idea was born for his restaurant business.

After his return from Germany John worked as an insurance adjuster briefly, living in a cold water flat, while saving money to open his first tavern. Moody's Pub opened in Old Town in 1959, a fringe and newly developing area at the time, becoming the second tavern in the neighborhood. He later opened Moody's II nearby, establishing himself as a founding father of Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. Moody's drew a crowd of local artists and folk musicians including Joan Baez.

In 1969 John designed and built Moody's Pub in Chicago's northside Edgewater neighborhood, and it has been a Chicago institution known for its

burgers and spacious beer garden for 59 years. Three generations of family members have worked at the restaurants. John was blessed with an exceptionally loyal and dedicated staff, many of whom were with him for several decades, for which he was deeply appreciative.

John treasured his Huckleberry Finn style childhood summers in McGregor, IA and Minocqua, WI developing a lifelong passion for fishing. John cherished his time on the water fishing with family and friends, and in 1969 he found his paradise in Puerto Rico and made it a family gathering spot.

John is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Katie Madden Kahoun; his daughter Christine Kahoun Veech (Patrick); his son "Jake" John Moody Kahoun, Jr. (Marina); and his daughter Cindy Kahoun Dobbins; his grandchildren Patrick, TJ & Wilson Veech, Kelly and Will Dobbins, and Liana Kahoun; and his brothers Ira (Vicky), Tom (Cindy), and David Kahoun.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Barr Funeral Home, at 6222 N. Broadway. Services will be held at 10 AM on Monday, January 15 at Barr Funeral Home in Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 https://www.misericordia.com/donations/donate_online.aspx or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls donate.mercyhome.org .

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 561-5940

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
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Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Kahoun*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I grew up with the Kahoun Boys on Indiana Ave Roseland John was someone we looked up to. He always set a good example for us younger ones. I loved his mother, Mary Rose. Who was an inspiration to me. John dated my Aunt Terry a couple of times when in high school. I saw the Kahouns as a close , loving family I could never forget.*

I cherish all the fond memories of growing up with them. God Bless all of you.

my prayers are with all of you

Sandra OConnor Funk

Sandra OConnor Funk. Friend - October 13, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *I called on 19 April 2020 to ask for John and was told that he had passed away over two years ago. We were good friends during and after college. I remember walking the near North side with John looking for the right place to open his first bar. Since I have lived most of the last 60 or so years in Europe, we talked and met only rarely. I miss him.*

Phil Morgan (philmorgansr@gmail.com)

Phil Morgan Sr. - April 21, 2020 at 05:34 PM

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“ Chris, Jake, Cindy & families,
You have our deepest sympathies from us here in McGregor. We
have fond memories of the family gatherings. Thinking of you all
during this sad and difficult time.

Kris (Moody) & Jason Eulberg & Marilyn Moody

Kris M Eulberg - January 13, 2018 at 09:55 PM

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*Thank you so much, Cousin Kris. We have had so many great family
reunions in McGregor, and it holds a very special place in my heart.
Horseback riding with you there was always a highlight of my summer.
xoxo*

Chris Veech - January 17, 2018 at 07:04 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
John M. Kahoun.*



January 13, 2018 at 06:00 PM