



## John Lawrence Brennan

October 24, 1951 - July 5, 2018

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Born in Sioux City Iowa, John Brennan grew up in Princeton, Illinois, where he attended Lincoln Elementary, Logan Junior High, and Princeton High School, graduating in 1969. In school John excelled in his classes and in athletics, especially baseball. Having a flair for journalism he wrote for the Princeton High School Yearbook.

John had a biting wit and an adventurous spirit. After his first year in college he travelled to Mississippi to assist in the civil rights work of Charles Evers. He visited Europe and hitchhiked around the U.S.

Tragically, John suffered severely from schizophrenia his adult life, starting during his years at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He died at the Sharon Elms Health Care Center in Peoria, Illinois. He is survived by his mother, Joan Brennan, his brother, Terence Brennan, and his sisters, Barbara Brennan, Dawn Brennan, and Lori Kaiping.

Anyone who knew John in Princeton and would like to join his family in honoring his memory, please come to a reception from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018, in the Conference Room of the Bureau County Metro Center, 837 Park Avenue West, Princeton, IL 61356. For more information

contact Dawn Brennan at [brennan4email@gmail.com](mailto:brennan4email@gmail.com).

John's family also suggests memorial contributions to the Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America, <https://sardaa.org>; or to the Princeton Youth Baseball and Softball League, <http://www.pybsl.org>.

online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **21**. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Bureau County Metro Center  
837 Park Avenue West  
Princeton, Illinois 61356

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Brennan Family,

*In case my name doesn't ring a bell, I lived three doors north of your house on Euclid in Princeton. For a couple summers, John and I spent a lot of time together playing whiffle ball and pole vaulting in your back yard. My stepdad, Al Bloom, was a good friend of Larry.*

*My sister sent John's obituary to me today. If I had known earlier, I might have come down to see you all this past Saturday. I had known that John suffered from schizophrenia, but that's about all. I had no idea of his travels or work with the civil rights movement.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss, but am comforted that my old friend is at peace.*

*God bless you all,*

*Curt Joa  
Kohler, WI*

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**Curt Joa** - July 23, 2018 at 09:58 AM

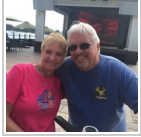
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“ Mike "Wabs" Brennan Childern purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of John Lawrence Brennan.



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**Mike "Wabs" Brennan Childern** - July 16, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *I am So sorry!! My prayers are with his family! I thought the world of John.*

*I know the family well, as I'm Terry's sister-in-law. He was married to my sister Lynn until she died of unknown causes in 1993. My heart goes out to John's entire family*

*All my Love,*

*Libbi Moore*

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**Libbi Stanard Moore** - July 12, 2018 at 03:53 PM