



Mr. John Mendel Zelnicker

March 2, 1950 - September 25, 2024

John M. Zelnicker died peacefully in his home in Springhill Mobile, Alabama, listening to Pete Seeger, on September 25, 2024 at the age of 74 and a half. He said the half was very important at his age.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynn Wittmann, and his beloved granddaughter, Donna; his favorite cousins, Nancy Hill and Sarah Schear Cole; his first, second, and third ex-wives; and his many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin A. Zelnicker and Edith C. Zelnicker of Mobile, Alabama, as well as his daughter, Kimberly W. Zelnicker of Cleveland, Ohio.

John was a lover of music and books, women, technology, top-shelf Scotch, religious history, philosophy, economics, and playing with numbers. He would read The Lord of the Rings trilogy and attend at least one Grateful Dead concert during every summer break from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. John was a corporate hippie, running his own tax accounting business while wearing hideous tie-dye Crocs.

He was a remarkably gracious man, a Southern gentleman to his core, recklessly generous, and so intelligent one could hardly keep up with him. John made friends without even realizing it, and there was never a lost soul who crossed his path that he didn't try to help if he could. Over the years,

many people told him that he should write a memoir, but he preferred to share his incredible stories in person and boy, he could tell one helluva story.

Above all else, John was the most wonderful Dad. Despite being outnumbered from the start, he raised two daughters without them ever requiring stitches or bail money. And any friend of his daughters' considered him their honorary Dad too. If John Zelnicker is to be remembered for only one thing, let it be that he was a fantastic and deeply loved father.

Never a fan of fanfare, and with sincere apologies to his friends and family, John requested no ceremony or service upon his passing. Instead, he hoped that people would choose to honor his life by donating to their local public library or to Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama.

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“ *Mr. John was a wonderful friend and client for many years, so sorry to hear of his passing. We used to have wonderful conversations about life, the economy, and all things family. So sorry for the loss.*

Roy T Hudson

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