



John Sanders "Sandy" Soltau

October 6, 1959 - February 1, 2023

John Sanders "Sandy" Soltau, 63, died surrounded by his family on February 1, 2023. Sandy was born on October 6, 1959 to Addison and Roselyne Soltau in Tokyo, Japan. Sandy and his family returned to the United States in 1970. After graduating high school in Grand Rapids MI, he moved to Chattanooga, TN.

Sandy was quick witted, had an artistic eye, a green thumb, an all encompassing hug and a jolly and easy laugh. Sandy was a friend to many but an anchor for Gina, his children and his grandchildren. He was affable and kind with a wealth of vocabulary and knowledge. He was a hard worker, a doer and a fixer. Through his sickness, Sandy remained strong in his faith and conviction and always stayed the course. He will be so dearly missed and always remembered best for his expressions of love and thoughtfulness.

Sandy is survived by his loving wife, Gina Soltau; their four children, Lauren (Mark) Melville, Noah (Sabrina) Soltau, Andrew Filter and Tucker Filter; his father, Addison Soltau; four grandchildren, Madison, Liam, Elloisa, and Ruby; siblings, Sue (Bob) Wright and Scott (Eve) Soltau; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, family members, and treasured friends.

The family will hold a memorial celebration of life in the spring when the rhododendrons are blooming, Sandy's favorite time of year. In advance of this

event, family and friends are encouraged to forward their fondest memories of Sandy to tributesforsandy@gmail.com (<mailto:tributesforsandy@gmail.com>). Please include your name in your message.

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“ I knew him as John. On Grand Rapids Christian High's campus, he was "Soltau." Tall, boisterous and sometimes full of mischief. Several months went by before I heard his brother call him Sandy.

He sat behind me in Mr. Pegman's English Grammar class. Schuil . . . Soltau. I was a new student Jr. year, an adjustment I think he understood tho we never talked of it.

We both loved words, language, and poetry (but not that class).

He delighted me with his intelligent wit and his drawings. We laughed often and sometimes loud.

I remember when he left Michigan for Tennessee. Sporadically over the years we touched base.

John was truly an ORIGINAL and I know his absence is and will be greatly felt. My sincerest condolences to Gina, Noah, and the entire family.

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