



John A. Kaichen

March 11, 1925 - April 15, 2022

John Arnold Kaichen

John Kaichen led a remarkable life. His first career was in the newspaper field, where his inquiring mind led him to fully embrace the roles of reporter and City Editor of the Daily Tribune in Royal Oak, Michigan. In mid-life he attended law school, became a prosecutor and then an attorney in private practice with Judge William Beasley, William McMachan, Philip Neuman and John O'Neil among others.

A graduate of Cranbrook School, Kenyon College and the Detroit College of Law, John embraced community involvement through charitable work that reflected his passions. He was a long-time trustee of Credit Union One, the Cranbrook Horizons-Upward Bound Program and one of the founders of a scholarship award for ethics in journalism, John equally enjoyed his Rotary Club membership and singing with gusto in diverse area choirs.

Born in Cincinnati on March 11, 1925, to Howard and Margaret Heavenrich Kaichen, John lived in Highland Park, Michigan as a child. In his youth he moved to Huntington Woods where his parents built a home with a victory garden. As an adult he resided in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. In later life moved to Margate, New Jersey and then Hobe Sound, Florida.

John Kaichen was predeceased by his parents, his sister Susan Kaichen Duddy, his wife Elizabeth Kaichen, his grandson Mason Litak and his lifelong best friend, Jerry Schroder.

Survived by his wife, Joan Davis Johnson Kaichen, and children Lisa Kaichen (Leon Broussard); David Kaichen (Vicki Chiaverini); Carolyn (Robert) Litak and stepchildren Kimberly (David) Carmichael and Kenneth Johnson (Maria Robinson). He was beloved by his grandchildren Angela Kaichen, Erika Kaichen Brady, Marissa Kaichen Litak and great-grandson, Gavin Chaisson. Papa John's memory will also be cherished by Blake, Cameron, Nikky, Kristin, Amelia, and Elsie. His in-laws Bonnie and Jerry McMullen and Richard and Marsha Davis, niece Christy Spangler and nephews Russell McMullen and Blair and Steven Duddy and a host of cousins will miss John's incredible Joie de Vivre.

RIP Dear One. You inspired us all with your wit, enthusiasm, intellect and love.

Tribute gifts will be gratefully received by Horizons-Upward Bound, a program that helps students with limited opportunities to achieve their dreams for academic success. Donations may be sent to Horizons-Upward Bound, Attn: Shenise Foote, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303 or on-line at www.bit.ly/JohnKaichenHUB

Visitation will be held at 10:00 am with memorial service 11:00 am at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak, Michigan on June 15, 2022. The Memorial will be live streamed. You can access the livestream at the following: <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/John-Kaichen/#!/PhotosVideos> (select "Media" tab if viewing from a mobile device) a few minutes prior to the service.

Please contact Lisa Kaichen for more information at 985-789-0268 or

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Cemetery Details

Woodmere Cemetery

9400 W. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48209

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of John A. Kaichen*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - June 14, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JH

Sorry I can't be with you today!

John D Heavernich - June 15, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JH

Wonderful slide show! Much appreciated.

John D Heavenrich - June 15, 2022 at 11:55 AM

PN

“ *1 file added to the album Pictures of John through the years*



Phil Neuman - June 15, 2022 at 07:04 PM

PN

“ 5 files added to the album *Pictures of John through the years*



Phil Neuman - June 15, 2022 at 12:07 PM

MF

“ *My cousin John was a steady smiling presence during my childhood. He always had a twinkle in his eye, much like his dad, my Uncle Howard, and a big heart like my Aunt Margaret! He was a seeker of justice and a truth teller, He helped guide me through my grief and confusion after my father died in 1977, and since then I have felt a very special bond, with him and his family. I am so grateful to have them in my life. May time soothe the grief for them and his memory be for a blessing.*

Martha Heavenrich Feferman

martha heavenrich feferman - June 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM

LH

“ Alan, brother your thoughts and words express what I also feel and remember so well.

John will always be remembered for his caring and his humor and above all his friendship and advice many times to myself and to others.

To Lisa and David and Joan and all other family my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Hugs, Lou Heavenrich

Lou Heavenrich - June 15, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Kaichen.



June 14, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Kaichen.



June 13, 2022 at 04:58 PM

BM

“ I had the privilege of being John's law partner for many years. John and I started our law career at the same time, although he was 16 years my senior. As such, I constantly asked his advice which when given was always grounded in experience, common sense and integrity. He also had a wonderful sense of humor. I have never met a more decent man. I will continue to think of him fondly as I have for the past 54 years.

William D McMachan

Bill McMachan - June 13, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BL

“ John was a lovely man. It was a pleasure to know him as a practicing attorney.

BETTY LOWENTHAL - June 13, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ I remember John as an extraordinarily patient and kind-hearted man. He always seemed able to accept situations and people as they were, without complaint or judgment, but was ever ready to look for avenues and vistas that could improve one's experience and condition. Naturally, this required a well-developed sense of humour, which he inherited from both of his parents and a creative spirit which he demonstrated often in the poems he composed for most family events of significance. He was very generous, too, in donating his talents and energies to friends, friends of friends and complete strangers in an effort to ease their journeys along life's often-challenging paths! Thank you, John, for your fine and shining example! We'll do our best to remember you in our actions, words and thoughts. The world is certainly better for your presence in it.

As I think of you, the words of Simon and Garfunkel stick in my head:

Sail on, silver mensch! Sail on by! Your time has come to shine, all your dreams are on their way... See how they shine, OH! If you need a friend, I'm sailing right behind, like a bridge over troubled waters, I will lay me down...

The actual words are here:

*When you're weary
Feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I'll dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water*

*I will lay me down
When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Sail on silver girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
Oh, if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind*

Alan Heavenrich - June 12, 2022 at 07:00 AM