



John Thomas Ivers

December 30, 1947 - November 14, 2021

Dr. John Thomas Ivers passed at the age of 73 on November 14, 2021, in Plano, Texas. John was born on December 30, 1947, to his parents, David Ivers and Mary Hogan in Meriden, Connecticut. He was their only son, sharing his childhood with his sister, Dianne.

John graduated in 1965 from The Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut. He then continued his education, receiving his Bachelor of Science (1969) and Master of Science (1971) from the University of Vermont in Dairy Science and his PhD (1975) from Cornell University in Food Microbiology.

Dr. Ivers started work shortly after graduation at Frito-Lay North America, moving to Texas, and stayed there for his entire career, retiring in 2003. John married the love of his life, Betty Jo (BJ) Williams in 1969. Together, they had one daughter, Andrea. John was always a stern, quiet man but he loved his family. John loved spending time on the water, be it a pond, lake or ocean. For much of their life together, BJ and John enjoyed buying and owning boats of different sizes. John was also a world traveler getting close to his goal of seeing all seven continents before his death, most of the time with BJ at his side.

John was preceded in death by his parents, David and Mary Ivers, his sister Dianne Asplund, and his wife BJ Ivers. He is survived by his daughter, Andrea Edwards and her husband, Tom, of Frisco, Texas as well as his beloved and only grandson, Jase Edwards. If you would like to honor Dr. Ivers and his family, please consider an in memoriam donation to Cornell Food Science Graduate Support.

Link for donation:

<https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1717/alumni/index.aspx?sid=1717&gid=2&pgid=3052&cid=7311&dids=214&bledit=1>

Private inurnment will be held.

Memorials

John was a very dear friend for many years and will surely be missed. May he now be at peace.

MARGARET GROSS, DECEMBER 1, 2021

Andrea, I'm so sorry. Your dad was a very quiet man, but he was always nice and kind to me. He loved you so much. A donation was made in his name to Cornell University. Hold on to the happy memories. Love to you and your family.

STACY MILACEK, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Dr. Ivers was my first boss at Frito-Lay R&D back in 1995. He was a wealth of information both on the job and outside the job. Even after he retired, we kept in touch and even visited their house in Padre. He was a great man and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andrea and her family.

PAULA MYERS, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Uncle John, Thank you for all the fond memories. May you rest easy with Auntie BJ in peace. Until we meet again. Our deepest heartfelt condolences go out to your Daughter Andrea and family. God bless. Love,

AIMEE DELLAVECCHIA, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Andrea and Family, So sorry for your loss. Although I never met your father, I heard about him from several within our Frito Lay family and know that he raised a daughter that boldly followed in his footsteps. Wishing you gentle peace, quiet strength and steadfast love. I hope the days and months ahead are ones where you reflect on your precious memories and know that we all have another angel looking after us. The Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever. Psalm 136:1

VIVIAN PANGBURN, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.

LORESA JOHNSON, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

As we celebrate the life and legacy that John left with us, we also mourn with

you the loss of his presence that you are experiencing. May God's comfort and peace and reminders of the great times shared be with you today and always.

Sincere condolences, Rogers

ROGERS WILLIAMS, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

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