



John Erskine Ayres, Jr.

June 22, 1948 - May 28, 2021

John Erskine Ayres, Jr., 72, of Naples, Florida passed away Friday, May 28, 2021. He was born on June 22, 1948 to John Erskine and Dorothy Dean Ayres in Elizabeth, New Jersey. John spent his childhood in Bermuda and New Jersey. He graduated from Widener College in 1964 and began on a lifelong & legendary career in the hospitality industry. This career would span over 50 years and many legendary properties. He married the love of his life, Patricia Schmidt on October 8, 1971. In 1979 he made Florida his family's home and finally settled in Naples in 1987.

John was a luxury hotelier to his core and was beloved for the friendships and experiences that came with his success. Above all else, he deeply enjoyed spending his time with his loving family. John was a gregarious, kindhearted individual that truly touched the hearts of all he came into contact with. John was the wind in the sails and the surf on the beach to all who knew him.

John is survived by his wife; Patricia, children; James (Vonette) Ayres, Morgan (Kevin) Rahimi, and McKay (Joe) Spano, grandchildren; Callaway and Sawyer Rahimi. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11AM at The Sanctuary (Big Chapel) at North Naples Methodist Church located at 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples, Florida 34109

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Shriners Hospital or Wounded

Warriors in John's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Naples Church
6000 Goodlette-Frank Road
Naples, FL 34109