



John Lane

December 7, 1935 - May 23, 2009

MANSFIELD -- John Howard Lane, 73, passed away Saturday, May 23, with his loving wife Donna at his side. Funeral services: 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 27 at Blessing Funeral Home Chapel, 401 Elm St., Mansfield. Interment: John will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, at Blessing Funeral Home. Memorials: His family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the ALS Association either on-line at www.alsa.org, or by mail to the ALS Association, 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 250, Calabasas Hills, CA 91301-5104. John Lane was born in Evanston, Illinois on December 7, 1935 to Irene and Howard Lane. He was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in 2006. John moved to Texas after serving his country in the U. S. Army. He and his beloved bride Donna were married in August 1964 and later moved to Mansfield, Texas where they have resided close to the Walnut Creek Country Club where John pursued his great love of golf since 1978. John had a long and distinguished career with Dresser Industries where he managed Dresser's corporate headquarters office building located in downtown Dallas. John devoted much of his life to golf, starting as a caddy in New York where he was also a Long Island State Golf Champion. He loved to tell the story about literally stepping into the golf shoes of baseball legend Babe Ruth at the golf club where he caddied because he was the only person with feet large enough to fill Babe's shoes. John went on

to become Club Champion at Walnut Creek and to play in the Colonial Pro Am Tournament in Ft. Worth. John was a great lover of all sports and at one time considered a career in sports broadcasting or writing. He had 3 holes-in-one during his years in golf and was known for his keen wit and marvelous sense of humor, both on and off the golf course. John was a true gentleman and someone that family and friends could count on to give the shirt off of his back. John was also a great lover of dogs and would say, "if there are no dogs in heaven, I want to go where they go." While his dogs Wiley and Newman, and his cat Oreo faithfully watched over him during his illness, he was particularly fond of his departed companions Saiklon and Sinbad. John Lane was truly one in a million. Survivors: John is survived by his wife, Donna; his two sisters, Joann Traeger Wilson and Kay Conover; his nieces and nephews (and their spouses), Loren Traeger, John Traeger, David Conover, Betsy Parody, Susan Mayman, Amy Arnold, Suzan Berggren and Sam Murphy; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

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“ John Lane was my boss at Dresser Industries for 13 plus years. I served as his Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Never have I worked for a more wonderful person than John. For some reason he thought the world of me and even told me a few times that if he had a daughter that he would want her to be just like me. No one could ever know how that made me feel to hear that from someone other than my own father. I, too, thought the world of John. He always did everything that he could to help me to excel in my job and to move up the ladder. He always gave me an "Outstanding" rating on my reviews and helped me to get a good raise every year. He made me feel good about myself and about being an employee of a huge corporation. He wrote me the kindest Recommendation Letter that anyone could ever read when I went on to my next job after we were laid-off from Dresser in March, 1999. I've never met a more caring and compassionate person than John Lane. I would like for his family to know how much I appreciated all that he did for me throughout my career at Dresser and for being such a wonderful friend to me. I just hope that he knew how much he meant to me and to my family. I will miss him greatly. Donna, please know that me and my family are here for you whenever you need us. Just let us know and we will be there for you. I have lots of good memories of John Lane and I will treasure those memories forever and ever.

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