



John Rudolph Zumbrunnen

August 28, 1936 - July 2, 2024

John Rudolph Zumbrunnen, 87; of Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood, formerly of Seattle, WA and Overland Park, KS; passed away July 2, 2024, after a series of cardiac events.

John was born in Boston, MA and raised in Argyle, NY. John graduated from Argyle High School, where he was involved with cars and marching band. He spoke of the "Drum and Bugle Corp for many years after. John joined the U.S. Navy at the age of eighteen and served in the Korean War, from 1955-1957. He earned his Bachelor's in Business from the University of Ohio and worked towards a Master's Degree. John worked as a computer and data specialist then opened Overland Park Awards, where he engraved nameplates for awards and trophies.

An avid sportsman, John loved sailing, flying planes (owned his own Cessna), racing cars (restored his own Austin-Healy), and sipping Southern Comfort. Former president of the Kansas City Germania Club (awarded the 2008 William Gruening Award), member of the Experimental Aircraft Association where he built his own aircraft with help from many friends. John was nicknamed "MacGyver" by his daughter's family, because of all the inventive ways he solved problems, when helping remodel a restaurant in California. John was also the Prince of the Kansas City Mardi Gras Parade, along with his Princess/wife Ingrid.

Beloved spouse and best friend of 25 years to Ingrid Makowski Kaltenbach.
Faithful companion of Heidi the Long-haired dachshund.

Dear father of Leanne (Rick Riley) Zumbrunnen, Margaret “Peggy”
Zumbrunnen, and the late Robert James “Bob” (Robin) Zumbrunnen; step-
father of Michael Fuhrmann; and grandfather of Erin, Connor, Quinn, and
Mason Riley and Paris, Angelique “Angie”, and Liza Zumbrunnen. Brother of
Judy Zumbrunnen Johnston of Sitka, AK. Longtime friend of Chuck Morlan.

Son of the late Rudolph “Zimmie” Zumbrunnen (born in Indiana) and Margaret
Sherman Zumbrunnen (born in Nova Scotia).

A private memorial service is being planned.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the National Kidney
Foundation of Illinois, <https://www.nkfi.org/>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-730-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ We knew John through the EAA and the Austin Healey Club of KC. He attended our wedding. We flew together. We took road trips together. He was a kind man and we enjoyed our time together. We wish him peace and we hope his family cherishes the memories made together.

Susan Spaulding - January 02, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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Thanks for the nice thoughts. Leanne Zumbrunnen

Leanne Zumbrunnen - January 12, 2025 at 12:01 PM

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“ John, we enjoyed many breakfasts together when I was in KC, and who would have guessed that I'd end up with your '60 Austin-Healey 3000? I recall actually helping you out on it, never for a minute thinking it'd end up in MY hands. I'll take care of her, John... it's a piece of you that WILL continue... each time the engine roars to life. Sleep well, Shipmate



Tom Dailey - July 06, 2024 at 11:02 AM

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The Healy was the constant love in my dad's life. I'm glad it is in loving hands.

Leanne Zumbrunnen - January 12, 2025 at 12:02 PM