



## **John A. BEEMAN**

passed away on December 12, 2017 at his home. He was 70 years of age. Born January 14, 1947 in Kansas City, MO to Doris White Beeman and Eugene A. Beeman, John resided in Kansas City until age 1 1/2 when the family moved to Wayne, NE. A year later John contracted infantile polio, the only polio victim in the history of Wayne County, NE. After months at All Children's Hospital in Omaha, NE, where he received the Sister Kenney Treatment, John returned to Wayne. In 1953, the family moved to St. Petersburg, where John attended public schools, graduating from St. Petersburg Senior High in 1964.

In September of 1964 John entered the University of South Florida in Tampa where he received a B.S. and a M.S. Degree in Vocal Music Education and Library Science. He began his library career as the Head of Acquisitions for the newly formed Medical Library Center at USF, moving a year later to establish a Music Resources Facility for the College of Fine Arts. In 1977, John left the University for the Tampa-Hillsborough County Library System. It was here that he met Mary Ellen Pellington, whom he married in 1981. In 1982, John accepted a position with Saudi Arabian Parsons Ltd. in Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. John returned to Tampa in 1984, joining the staffs at the Quintilla Bruton Library, Plant City and then the Tampa-Hillsborough County Libraries, Tampa, FL.

In 1990, John moved with Wayne Thomas III, to Snohomish, WA and began work with the So-Isle County Library System. At this point, John retired from librarianship and joined the broker staff at Windermere Real Estate, South Everett Office. After eight years, John retired from real estate and began designing jewelry. In 2000, John had a massive neuro-fibroma tumor removed from his neck in New York. A subsequent two surgeries followed in New York in 2003. In 2009, a fourth and fifth neck surgery and a low back surgery were performed and then John moved to New Mexico. In 2015, John moved back to Mill Creek, WA where he passed away.

John is survived by two brothers, Daniel and Richard; former wife, Mary Ellen Pellington; friend, Wayne Thomas III; and a niece, Vanessa Pellington of New Jersey.

Visitation will be held 9-11 am on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at the Bermingham Funeral Home, 216 S. Main Street, Wharton, NJ 07885. A funeral Mass will be held 11:30 am after the visitation at St. Bernard's Parish, St. Bernard's Road, Rockaway, NJ. Interment will follow at St. Cecilia's Cemetery, Academy Street, Rockaway, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory to Evergreen Health Hospice Services, 12040 NE 128th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034 would be appreciated. Please offer condolences online at: [www.BerminghamFH.com](http://www.BerminghamFH.com). Published in the Tampa Bay Times on Dec. 18, 2017

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