



John Michael Raley

July 14, 1951 - January 29, 2026

John Michael Raley, 74, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House after a brief fight with cancer.

He was born on July 14, 1951 in Sullivan, MO, to the late John Everett Raley and Wanda Ruth Owen Raley. A proud graduate of Ritenour High School in Breckenridge Hills, Missouri, Class of 1969, John went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and Physical Chemistry from the University of Missouri - Rolla in 1974. His impressive career included significant roles at McDonnell Douglas, Procter & Gamble, Kimberly-Clark, Cargill, Draths, and the Nordic Patent Institute and Danish Patent & Trademark Office. He was known for his expertise in product and process design, holding several patents that reflect his innovative spirit and made notable contributions in international business management and intellectual property management.

John was a dedicated member of the Masonic community, serving as Past Master of Appleton Lodge #349 and Treasurer of Mooresville Lodge #496. His active involvement extended to the Shriner organizations, including Beja, Zuhrah, and Oasis, where he delighted in riding with the Zuhrah Horsemen and participating in countless parades with his trusted mount, Ace. Additionally, he loved his years working with the Webfooters Water Ski Show

team of Fremont WI where he served as treasure, boat driver and on-water safety person. His love for community service also found a home at West Church of Lake Norman, where he contributed his time to mission efforts and events, bringing joy and connection to many.

Above all, John was a man who cherished life's simple pleasures. He loved boating with family and friends, cooking and indulging in fine food and wine, and engaging in stimulating discussions about the intricacies of business and international law. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2022, he faced his challenges head-on, embracing exercise with Rock Steady Boxing at Lake Norman Muay Thai, demonstrating his strength and resilience.

John is survived by his loving wife, Robin; brothers Gary (Darlaine) of Arnold, MO and Jim (Carolyn) of Southfield, MI; special cousin David (Mary Jane) McGan of Corydon, KY; as well as several nieces, nephew, great nieces and great nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a special cousin, Linda McGan.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 14 from 10:00-11:00 AM with a Memorial following at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. For those unable to attend, please click the following link to view the live stream:

<https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/FHWPBHH>

In lieu of flowers, John's family kindly requests that donations be made in his memory to West Church (headingwest.org), S. Mitchell Mack Hospice (apps.hoic.org/donate-now) or the Mooresville Christian Mission(apps.hoic.org/donate-now)

John will be deeply missed, but his spirit and legacy of love, compassion, and dedication to his community will continue to shine through all who had the privilege to know him.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Raley family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinson’s disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit [w w w.aknniherbscentre .com](http://www.aknniherbscentre.com))

Susan Baker - April 25 at 12:48 PM

JR

“ To paraphrase what I posted in 2022 when our Mother passed... He who was my companion through adventure and hardship is gone forever.

I have always respected and admired my eldest Brother, the love of family was a given. He did things and went places that inspired and amazed me. I will always be grateful for his love and assistance throughout our lives as well as the many things he taught me. Rest in Peace, Dear Brother, until we meet again in the Great Beyond.

James Owen Raley - February 13 at 03:49 PM

JR

“ James & Carolyn Raley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Raley.

James & Carolyn Raley - February 13 at 08:45 AM

JR

“ James & Carolyn Raley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Michael Raley.



James & Carolyn Raley - February 13 at 08:45 AM

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“ You will be missed, I had the great pleasure working with you at the Nordic patent institute for 6 years. We had such a great time together.



Runar - February 09 at 04:01 AM

JM

“ We will miss your happy face at family gatherings. We always enjoyed your company, and the boat rides on Lake Norman. Jerry and Louise McComas

Jerry & Louise McComas - February 06 at 04:16 PM