



## John Sommers

November 7, 1930 - March 28, 2011

John K. Sommers, 80, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away March 28, 2011.

He was born November 7, 1930 in Sydney, Australia. Following his schooling, he joined the Black Watch Regiment.

John came to the United States in 1958. He worked in advertising after moving to Montreal where he married the love of his life Heide in 1966 and later moved to Toronto in 1971 where he continued his advertising career. He then moved to Germany in 1985, and then to Florida in 1995 where he worked for the Lee County Sheriff's Office as a V.O.I.C.E. volunteer for 15 years. He got his U.S. passport in 1998. He was a ski instructor for many years, teaching both snow and water skiing. He was an all around sportsman and enjoyed playing all kinds of different sports, and he was an equestrian. He very much enjoyed traveling with his loving wife Heide over the years. He was a "Bon Vivant"

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his loving wife Heide Sommers of Fort Myers, Florida, sister Mimi Frost of Sydney, Australia, and many nieces, nephews and extended family in Australia.

Visitation will be on Monday from 6-8 PM at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. A Celebration of John's life will be on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's loving memory may be made to the Lee County Sheriffs Office V.O.I.C.E. Program or to the Salvation Army.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, 239-274-0088. Online condolences may be made at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Sommers*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *John Sommers*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *We were very sorry to hear about John. We have many great memories of our times together as neighbours on Eagle Rd. I hope those memories help you through the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Paul & Elizabeth McMinn** - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry for your lost. We cannot begin to understand what it means to lose a spouse and friend. We hope you find comfort in friends and family. This is a scripture we hope will bring you more comfort. (Rev. 21: 3,4)*

**Owen and Jessica Yau** - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Who knew that traveling all the way to Alaska, would allow me to meet such two wonderful people. Especially funny that we live only five minutes away from each other! Not to mention, we would become such close friends.

May be because of all of the traveling you and John did, John was always interested in world affairs. Several times he told me that he was bothered when people did not pay attention to what was going on in the world. Many times, as I read the news paper, I thought of John and felt gutted when I by passed the Nation and World section. From now on, I promise to do a better effort on reading that section and will think of how proud John would be of me!

I love you Hedio.

Lori

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**Lori Nichols** - April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I will greatly miss John, especially our luncheon discussions.

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**Dr Barry D Kurtz** - April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Heide, we were so very sorry to hear about John. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you at this time and are also with his family, mostly in Australia, and with your family, mostly in Germany. John's death was truly a shock even though he had mentioned his upcoming surgery. He is truly appreciated and will long be remembered both as a well traveled and fascinating individual and as a forthright and sincere friend even to folks like us who live geographically so far away. We are truly thankful that it was our good fortune to know John. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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**John and Margie Ogilvie** - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Heidi,

*Please know that I am deeply saddened by your loss. John will be deeply missed by everyone. May the love that he had for you remain in your heart now and forever. Prayer and memories will help you get through all of your pain.*

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**Dian Bowman** - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Heide, I was shocked to hear of Uncle John's passing. He emailed me just a few days ago. I lost my dad, Leo, to heart attack in 1977 but Uncle John just kept going with his bypasses - it never occurred to me that he would not survive this latest hiccup.

*Please know I am thinking of you and I'm very grateful that Ambor and Caroline spent so much time with you two last year.*

*Much love,  
Kas*

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**Kas Sommers** - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your dear husband. John was a great guy with whom I worked in V.O.I.C.E. He will be sorely missed among us who serve the Sheriff's Office. Sincerely, Leonard Gorman

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**Leonard Gorman** - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Heide, So sorry for John's passing. It was so recent that we were still over there, and John still seemed full of life. I'm glad we got to catch up when we did, our time in Florida was one of the highlights of our North American trip, due mainly to the warmth and hospitality of John and yourself.

*I'm sure you have many great friends to offer support, locally, domestically and internationally, and all of us Down Under are thinking of you too.*

*Ambor and Caroline*

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**Ambor and Caroline** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ John was my brother-in-law and I have know him since he was 12 years old. At 16 I was a chorus girl with a revue company. In the same company were two brothers who did an acrobatic act. The elder was Leo, who became my husband and the 12 year old was John who mostly fooled around in the act and got the laughs. John was best man at our wedding when I married Leo. Unfortunately Leo died at age 50 so perhaps there is some consolation that John managed 30 years more than that. We saw him off on the ship when he sailed to try his luck in Canada. We did not see much of him over the years but always kept in touch. I will miss his letters and occassional visits with Heide to Australia. I just wanted to share something of John's early life. I have written to Heide privately.

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**Valerie Sommers** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Heide, I am so sorry to hear this sad news. From summers spent in your pool to "Grandparents' Day" at St. Francis and over-the-fence conversations, I will always think fondly of your sweet husband. We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor! Know that I send my love from here in D.C.

- Claire

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**Claire S.** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ Dear Heidi, I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband was a very nice man. You will be in my prayers. Please be gentle with yourself in the days ahead.

Love, Ivy

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**Ivy Sullivan** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ HEIDE, I AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WAS A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN, I AM SO PRIVILEGED TO HAVE KNOW HIM.

LOVE YOUR FRIEND JOVINA

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**JOVINA TARANTINO** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ We had allot of fun times together over the years. I will miss you dearly, your laugh, joking around & story telling will be something I'll never forget. R.I.P. John

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**Ken Johnson** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We will miss this dear friend and good man who I have known since we were together in Montreal in the 1960's.  
God keep you, Heide.

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**Blane and Isobel and Clare Hogue** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Heide:

*I am so sorry to hear about John. When I came into the forensic family in 2005 is when I first had the honor of meeting such a wonderful man. Over the years, especially when the unit occupied the Metro office building, John and I would escape from the daily stress of the job, to enjoy a bite of lunch and great conversations. He was always a gentleman and spoke often of the many travel adventures that you both shared. As a newbie when doing the DUI checkpoints, he was always more than willing to make sure that everyone understood what needed to be done. When I look at the parade car, I can see John doing his normal preparations. He was an honorable man who was dedicated to his family, friends and co-workers. He will be missed. May God hold you in his grace to give you the strength and understanding at this difficult time.*

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**Elaine Flaherty** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Heide, I'm so sad to hear about John. He was a wonderful friend and I have great memories of time spent with you & John in Germany and Florida. God, your family & friends will help you get through this. Love & prayers for you.

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**Marguerite Fournier** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Heide, There are no words great enough to express to you how sad we are for you loss. John was such an awesome man and we both will miss him dearly. Our love and prayers are with you and we are here if you ever need anything. God Bless

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**Jim and Debbie Antilia** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Heidi, our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.

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**Jim & Michelle Collins** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Heide, I?m so sorry to hear about John. Our prayers are with you. If there is anything we can do for you please don?t hesitate to call us.  
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**May & Izzy** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ I am so sorry to here of his passing. I worked with John for many years, with LCSO. He will be missed by all.

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**Bob Yates** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Liebe Heide, wir sind sehr, sehr betroffen und traurig und in Gedanken wieder und wieder bei Euch, seit wir heute morgen diese schlimme Nachricht erfahren haben. Uns fehlen wirklich die Worte!  
Alles Liebe von Nicole und Lars

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**Nicole und Lars** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Heidi,  
I'm so sorry to hear about John. My thoughts and prayers are with you now. Please remember we as part of your extended LCSO family are here for you anytime. Blessings for strength and peace.

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**Shelley Rorabeck** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Heide, Our prayers are with you. If you need anything - please let me know.

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**Patti & Mike Dillevig** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Our thoughts are with you all at this time. We have fond memories of having tea and cake with John and Mimi in Sydney, you will be loved and missed xxx

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**Nicholas and Debbie Ayres and Family** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ oh tante heidi, I am so sorry. I can't imagine how much you will miss uncle john. you both have been in my dreams quite often [I don't know why, perhaps it was the closeness to dad [leo]] my feeling is dad nanna & pop have uncle john with them & will help you get thro the coming months. he was my uncle & god father but you are still my tante heidi & i feel for you. loving regards julia mcnee & family

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**JULIA MCNEE** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM