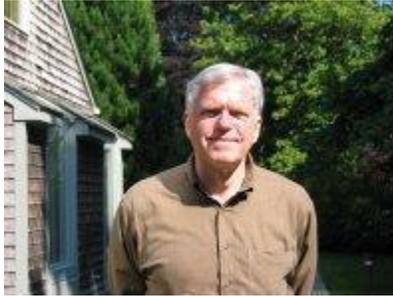


Princeton University Class of 1966

Memorials and Memories

John Joseph Nagorniak (1944 - 2012)



We have received the sad news of John's September 7 death, from his wife, Jill.

Jill Nagorniak address is: 31 Shoreline Drive, Foxboro, MA 02035.

David Kinard forwards the message that

"I spoke with both Jill (John's wife) and Joy '97 (his daughter). They said that John loved the Princeton community, especially the members of the great class of '66."

They would love to hear from his classmates. It would be a great blessing! They ask that people communicate by Email so that they have control of their time for responses and can save the thoughts, Jill@Nagorniak.com, Joy@Nagorniak.com.

From Joy Nagorniak '97:

In this difficult time, your sympathy and kindness have been a great comfort to me and my family. My family and I want to thank you for the steadfast support you have shown not just today, but throughout the last years of my father's battle with cancer. The Class of '66 was a constant source of joy and pride for dad, and me and my family members are deeply grateful to you for the many memorable times he experienced with you at college, in his professional life and, of course, at Reunions. Your class Memorial for my dad is a wonderful celebration of my father's life, and we know he would be very touched. And he would surely call for a Locomotive for the Class of '66! All the Very Best.

Memories from Classmates and Other Princetonians

Here are some memories and thoughts from classmates and other Princetonians (we'll update this list as new information arrives), followed by the PAW memorial.



Jim Parmentier: The photo, taken at his funeral reception, shows me with John's wife, Jill, DAVID KINARD, BOB NAHAS and John's granddaughter Alyson. John started his financial career at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. He earned an MBA at MIT's Sloan School, and returned to Hancock to become Director of Investment Management Technology. In 1968 John joined State Street Bank, becoming Senior VP and Chief Investment Officer before, in 1982, starting his own financial management firm, Franklin Portfolio Associates. John was an active volunteer for Princeton at the Class level, the local level, and at the national level. John was our '66 Class Treasurer for many years, and worked on both development and scholarship projects for PANE, the Princeton Association of New England. He served a term as PANE's President. But the greatest amount of John's Princeton time was given to Annual Giving, where he helped in both fundraising and management, and at one time led the AG program at the national level. John's many Princeton activities led Jill to note, in remarks to the minister before his service, that Princeton was John's mistress. If so, he courted and loved them both. We miss you, John.

David Kinard: With great sadness, I report that Jill Nagorniak called me to report that my very dear friend and our wonderful colleague, John died yesterday. The silver lining is that John hung in there way after the doctors thought he could.

Charles Plohn: We have lost one of the very best of '66.

Tiny Morgan: John was one of the very best. I met him the second day we were on campus in 1962. He was always so happy and energetic. And such an incredible force for Princeton and The Overall Class. I am so very grateful he was at both our 45th and 46th reunions. I will miss him terribly.

But John is now with God; he is without pain and suffering. As much as I wish he were here, I know he is wrapped in the arms of the Lord.

John Hart: Very sad. I knew and liked John at Princeton (fellow math major), and saw him again many times in Boston. He served a term as PANE (Princeton Association of New England) president. He also helped manage the PANE scholarship fund very successfully. A real loss.

Dick Charlesworth '46: Thank you for passing along this sorrowful news of one dear friend. He was a fine gentleman whom I always admired.

George Kovatch '55: I am so sorry to hear of John Nagorniak's passing. It is a great loss for the Princeton community, particularly in the Boston area.

My memories of John are from our association with PANE. John was a past President of PANE and for many years managed the Scholarship Fund. He was the lead Trustee of the fund and under his careful leadership it grew to more than one million dollars. The scholarship fund was turned over to the University in 2010.

John was generous with his time and always considerate of others. He was a true Princeton gentleman and a caring person. He never failed to ask about the other person's life and family. He was a truly good guy who cared about colleagues, friends and family.

Bob Ruxin '76: I'm truly sorry about John's passing. I'll miss running into him at Princeton events. He was always so upbeat and encouraging--not to mention very understated and modest about his stature and accomplishments. No doubt PANE's scholarship fund would have been grown much more slowly without John's investment guidance. My sincere condolences to the Class of '66 and John's family.

Marya Stansky '09, PANE Director of Recent Grads: I'm sorry to hear about John Nagorniak's passing. Though I am far removed from the class of 66 and don't have any memories to share, your note reminded me that the relationships we build in our four years at Princeton truly are lifelong connections. We not only experience growing together in our younger years, but also growing together in our older years. I hope I am lucky enough to experience the life milestones with my friends from Princeton that you have experienced with yours. Thanks for sharing John's story, may his passing also be a celebration of his vibrant life!

Bud D'Avella: Amen. Wonderful classmate and always smiling, no matter what.

Bob Nahas: Tiny said it all and better than i could.

Stas' Maliszewski: Very sad news. I had the pleasure of working with John on Princeton matters, professionally and personally. He was in good form when we chatted at Reunions this year -- that smile, wit and kindness.

Turk Thacher: I am so glad that he was able to make reunions this year - terrific guy - class act - he will be missed!

PAW Memorial

JOHN JOSEPH NAGORNIAK

The Class suffered a blow on September 7 when we lost John Nagorniak after a long illness.

A Buffalo native, John graduated from the Nichols School. At Princeton he majored in mathematics and belonged to Dial Lodge. He was a member of the Bridge Club and manager of the Student Room Agency.

After graduation John moved to Boston and entered the John Hancock Insurance actuarial training program. Two years later he enrolled in the Sloan School of Management at MIT. After receiving his MBA, he returned to Hancock to work in financial analysis and stock market strategies. From there he moved to State Street Bank, serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, and then to Franklin Portfolio Associates, where he was CEO and later Chairman of the Board.

Ever loyal to Princeton and our Class, John was for many years a mainstay of Annual Giving, serving a term as National Chairman. He also served as president of the Princeton Alumni Association of New England and was for many years as our Class Treasurer.

John is survived by his wife, the former Jill Hampton, son Peter, daughter Joy '97, and two grandchildren. The Class extends its heartfelt sympathy to all of them.