



## John William Eden

January 4, 1954 - July 10, 2020

John William Eden, age 66, of Monett, MO died on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. Mr. Eden was born in Joplin, MO on Monday, January 04, 1954. He was the son of William and Ella (Steineweg) Eden. He graduated from Monett High School in 1972. Mr. Eden married Kathy Murray on Friday, September 22, 1995 in Eureka Springs, MO. Mr. Eden spent many years as an educator and working with computers. He worked as the Technology Director at Cassville Schools and then moved into the classroom teaching Computer Maintenance and Networking at Southwest Regional Technical Center (SRTC) in Monett, MO. Mr. Eden went to work a couple of years at WTI in Joplin, MO before returning to SRTC to teach again.

Mr. Eden enjoyed lake trips, Shrine, co-workers, cold beer, and sweets. He was a member of Decatur Lodge #400 AF & AM in Pierce City, MO, Abou Ben Adem Shrine Temple in Springfield, MO, and the Valley of Joplin Scottish Rites. He was the District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the 44th Masonic District over four years. Mr. Eden was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan. He loved tailgating and watching the games. He was able to attend the Super Bowl in February 2020 where the Chiefs won!

Surviving are the following: his wife, Kathy of the home; three daughters, Harmony Fritz of Webb City, MO, Heather Grantland of Athens, AL, and Delann Eden of Monett, MO; one brother, Jack Eden of Janesville, WI; and

five grandchildren, Trentin Rickman of Athens, AL, Madilyn Fritz of Webb City, MO; Henry Grantland of Athens, AL, Elenor Grantland of Athens, AL; and Iris Eden of Monett, MO.

Friends may call at Lakin Funeral Home from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. There will be a Masonic Service at the Howdy Neighbor Day Lodge Pavilion in Pierce City, MO on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM. This will be followed by a time of sharing memories of John. Visitation and social hour will continue until 9:00 PM. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage. John was an avid football fan. He would want everyone to wear football attire (preferably the Kansas City Chiefs). A private burial will occur at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ I know he passed 5-6 years ago but I started to feel nostalgic and wanted to check up on my classmates and teachers. I was one of his students at SRTC in 2016-2017 and he taught me (as well as so so many people) a lot about computers. I have much to credit him for going into a computer related field for college and it is a shame that he won't be able to share the love for this field of technology anymore. - Truman Farnsworth

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**Truman Farnsworth** - March 09 at 05:40 PM



“ *John William Eden*

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October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM

SD

“ *It was a great pleasure to work with John when we coordinated Freshman Academy. He was always so patient with students. A great guy !*

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**Sue Doennig** - July 31, 2020 at 02:05 PM

MD

“ *Kathy, I just found out about John's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Michele DeSutter** - July 23, 2020 at 04:06 PM

KH

“ *Kathy...Just now seeing this. So sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences.*

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**Kathy Hoyer** - July 16, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DD

“ So Sorry for you loss Kathy, I know he will be missed by many. I am so glad he was able to watch the Chiefs with the Superbowl in person, now he will be rooting them on to several more from the best seat in the house.



Dennis and Michele Day - July 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

AC

“ Anita L Conway lit a candle in memory of John William Eden



Anita L Conway - July 13, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear about John. I always enjoyed getting to visit with him. I have let the Class of 1972 know about his passing. His family is in our daily prayers. David & Donna Beckett



David & Donna Beckett - July 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM

BR

Sorry for your lost. RW Benny Roach

Benny Roach - July 14, 2020 at 07:08 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry to hear that John has lost his fight. He was a true inspiration for a person to never give up. I will always be grateful to his work with the school to make education better for all. Thanks John for all of the great laughter, lunch and stories. You will be missed.

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**Linda Robbins** - July 13, 2020 at 06:49 AM

RB

“ Kathy, so sorry to hear about John, Our thoughts and prayers are with in this time of sorrow. God Bless and comfort you and all your family.

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**Robert Brite** - July 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you peace and serenity.  
*Bruce and Cheryl Burnett*

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**Bruce and Cheryl Burnett** - July 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CH

“ Kathy and family, Matt and I are so very sorry to hear about John. I'm so glad he got to attend SuperBowl this year. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call.

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**Cindy Hess** - July 12, 2020 at 11:25 AM

PS

“ Pamela Schoen lit a candle in memory of John William Eden



Pamela Schoen - July 12, 2020 at 10:08 AM

TR

“ John was an amazing teacher and taught me a lot about the trials and tribulations of IT, and even managed to crack a smile at my awful jokes. I'll always remember him for being the man that got me truly excited for a career path. I can only imagine how proud his family is for all the work he has done preparing the youth for their adult lives.

Tristan - July 12, 2020 at 02:04 AM

AN

“ Mr Eden was my favorite teacher. He always made me love coming into his class and he was a pure, and genuine man. He cared for all of his students and our education. He laughed with us, and learned with us all through that class and it makes me happy that i got to have him as my teacher. RIP Mr Eden, we will all miss you

Anonymous - July 12, 2020 at 01:59 AM

AN

“ Mr Eden was my teacher for two years. He is my inspiration to be in the IT career. He is full of personality and was the best teacher I've ever had

Anonymous - July 11, 2020 at 05:49 PM

VF

“ Kathy and family, we're so sorry to hear this! John was a member of our family here at SRTC, he will be greatly missed! He was always there ready to help! We're keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers!

Garry & Vickie Farris

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**Vickie Farris** - July 11, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LD

“ John was a great neighbor in the White King View Table Rock lake Assc. He was currently serving as president of the association. He will be sorely missed in the community. God bless you and may you rest in peace. Prayers for all the family.

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**Larry k denney** - July 11, 2020 at 05:23 PM

NB

“ He was a great teacher. He made me love going to school for his class. He was the best teacher and funniest guy I have ever known

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**Nick Brock** - July 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM

ML

“ My heart goes out to you Kathy. 💖  
Sending my love to you and your family at this time of deep sorrow.



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**Michele Locher** - July 11, 2020 at 12:56 AM

JM

“ Jeannie Murray lit a candle in memory of John William Eden



Jeannie Murray - July 10, 2020 at 10:44 PM

JD

“ Buck and I were so saddened to hear of John’s passing. We have such great memories of John and what a terrific Shriner and person he was. Sending you lots of love Kathy in this difficult time.

Janet Deer - July 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM

SP

“ Sharon K Privett lit a candle in memory of John William Eden



Sharon K Privett - July 10, 2020 at 08:12 PM

KP

I love the picture you shared of John. It made me smile to see that happy face. So sorry for your loss and we will miss seeing him at school.

Kathy Parrigon - July 12, 2020 at 07:07 PM

R(

“ Kathy I'm so very sorry to hear this. Prayers for you all

Robyn (Canady)Myers - July 10, 2020 at 07:54 PM

RP

“ Kathy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my Prayers

Regania Peterson - July 10, 2020 at 07:29 PM

LN

“ RWB John Eden, was totally inspiration to my Masonic Journey, he was a very good teacher of the craft and a outstanding Mentor to each and everyone that crossed his path. His little smirk when he asked you to repeat what was just said, then afterwards that is what I thought I heard you say. His presence will be missed by all. We all loved John. Condolences to the entire Eden family from Central Crossing Lodge #674, Shell Knob, Missouri. R.I.P. my friend and Brother.

WB Larry Neukirch

Larry Neukirch - July 10, 2020 at 07:27 PM

BA

“ Beverly Anderson lit a candle in memory of John William Eden



Beverly Anderson - July 10, 2020 at 07:20 PM