



## John H. Burlingame

April 27, 1933 - August 9, 2016

John Hunter Burlingame was born in Milwaukee, WI on April 27, 1933. John's parents were Leroy James Burlingame and Mary Janet Burchard Burlingame. John grew up in Shorewood, WI. He attended Milwaukee Normal School and Milwaukee Country Day School. (Later called University School) He then graduated from Phillip Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. John was a graduate of University of Wisconsin with both undergraduate and law degrees. He served as a Naval pilot in the 1950's. John joined the Law firm of BakerHostetler of Cleveland, OH in 1963 where he had a distinguished career until his retirement in 1997. He was thought of as "honest and straight forward, with classic Midwestern values that reflected his Wisconsin roots".

John first started spending the summers in his beloved North Woods when he was two years old. His parents purchased their first home on Big Muskellunge Lake in Boulder Junction, WI in 1939, and moved across the lake to the Sayner side in 1941.

He enjoyed being on the lake, watching all the birds and wildlife and playing golf.

He also enjoyed playing hockey in his younger years. He was a very gentle, kind and generous man.

John was a member of the Minocqua Country Club, the Weasels, and Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church.

He was a corporate lawyer who did mergers and acquisitions, and joked that he and his wife of 34 years, had a “merger”. They merged 6 children together and always referred to them as “our children”. John is survived by wife, Dorcas (Dee) Hodges Burlingame of Sayner, WI: children, Carolyn Burmedi of Heidelberg, Germany, Dr. Janet Burlingame (Thomas Wilson) of Kailua, Hawaii, Amy Kritz (David) Kensington, MD, Meredith Wootters, Conway, AR, Rebecca Stiff (Robert) Sarasota, FL, and Alexander Burlingame (Jennifer) Bay Village, OH. He is also survived by 15 grand children and one great grand child, two sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 20,2016, at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, in Sayner, WI. Visitation is at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11:00 a.m.

A Memorial Service will also be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions maybe made to the:

Plum Lake Library 239 Hwy 155 Sayner, WI 54560: or

The University of Wisconsin Law School, 973 Bascom Hall, Madison, WI, 53706

“In Memory of John H. Burlingame”.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church  
2903 STH 155  
Sayner, WI 54560  
<http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org/>

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ John and I shared stories about Northern Wisconsin, for which he had enormous affection. I knew John from Plymouth Church in Shaker Heights, OH and also as fellow lawyer. We both graduated from the UW law school so we also had that in common, though John was ahead of me by 5 years.

*I greatly respected John as a lawyer and as a person. He was outstanding.*

*Rick Stege, Cleveland, OH*

*(I apologize for the lateness of my entry. For some reason, I did not know of John's death until today.*

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**Rick Stege** - September 06, 2016 at 10:05 PM

SO

“ *The Burlingame families of Racine, Wi send our Sympathies.*

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**Socks** - August 17, 2016 at 05:33 PM

CW

“ *Our Neighbor and Friend we will miss you. Dee and Family may memories wrap your heart and never let go.  
Cyd, Margi, Rick, Randy, and Families*

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**Cydney Welter** - August 15, 2016 at 08:44 PM

RB

“ Our prayers are with you at this difficult time in the loss of your dear husband and father.

*May the risen Lord Jesus give you hope and support now and into the future.*

*Grace and Peace, Pastor John and Beverly Baumann*

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**Rev. John K. Baumann** - August 15, 2016 at 08:31 PM

MV

“ I have worked with some good leaders and otherwise. John Burlingame was the best. I feel fortunate to have worked with him.

*He was challenging, thoughtful and had vision. His presence has had long-lasting impact. My heart goes out to Dee and his family.*

*Michelle Vanderlip*

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**Michelle Vanderlip** - August 14, 2016 at 05:16 PM

MC

“ Heartfelt condolences to Dee and the Burlingame family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time. - The Minocqua Country Club Members



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**Minocqua Country Club** - August 11, 2016 at 11:09 AM

CG

*Sending condolences to the family of John Burlingame with special thoughts to Carolyn and siblings. Unfortunately, I have just heard this sad news on Friday, September 16 at a garden club meeting through a member, Marion Hill. Please accept my prayers for your healing as you move through the days ahead.*

*May God bless and keep you. Sincerely, Carol JP Griffith.*

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**Carol Griffith** - September 19, 2016 at 02:49 PM