



## John E. Corcoran

May 10, 1964 - December 2, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mr. John E. Corcoran, 56, passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in Southaven, MS. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of the local arrangements.

Mr. Corcoran was born May 10, 1964, in Washington, D.C. John received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Maine in Portland. He worked as an I.T. manager for most of his life. John always had a fascination for computers and technology. He would love to take apart and rebuild different devices just for fun. He was also very passionate about his career, and he was very good at it as well. John also had a passion for traveling with his life partner, Andy. They traveled all over the world creating some of the most amazing memories together. John had a special place in his heart for animals as well. He and Andy volunteer as a foster home for the Schnauzer Love Rescue, helping find forever homes for the schnauzers in need. John was an avid reader and planner. He and Andy were also in a bowling league at one time. They enjoyed bowling whenever they could as well. John left so many memories behind to all that knew him, and he will be dearly missed.

Mr. John E. Corcoran is survived by his life partner, Andy Cain of Horn Lake, MS; his mother, Katherine Corcoran of Little Rock, AR; and his sister, Katie (Tommy) Corcoran Hillard of Little Rock.

Mr. Corcoran was preceded in death by his father, John Corcoran.

Donations and memorial in honor of Mr. John E. Corcoran may be made to Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc. ([schnauzerloverescue.org](http://schnauzerloverescue.org)).

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at <http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com>.



# Comments

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“ A donation was made to Schnauzer Love Rescue in memory of John by Auction Edge, Inc. Your family is in our thoughts during this difficult time.

**Auction Edge, Inc.** - December 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ I became acquainted with John during the time that we worked for the same company and was so saddened to hear of his passing. My heartfelt condolences go out to Andy and to John's entire family. RIP John.



**Mary Robinson** - December 09, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ Andy, so sorry to hear of the passing of John. He was always the calm in the storm. Thoughts and prayers with you and his family  
Charlotte Fontenot

**charlotte Fontenot** - December 07, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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“ I'm just devastated. The last time I was in touch with John was 10/28. I was just scrolling through FB and saw the post of his passing. I met John in the early nineties in the early days of the internet when he and Sean were in Eureka Springs. It was a dark time in my life and the two of them reached out and offered friendship which has endured until now. There isn't enough time and space to say what John's friendship meant to me. To his Mom, Sister and Andy I send my deepest condolences. John was a wonderful person and a lovely man. The world has lost a genuine and kind soul. Soar free my lovely friend.

**Dick Thompson** - December 06, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ John, you will always live in my memory. My thought go out to Andy, Katherine and Katie.

Jörg - December 06, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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Jörg - December 06, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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Jörg - December 06, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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“ My most heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Corcoran, Katie & Andy. May John Rest in Peace & Rise Again in Glory!

I first met John in the autumn of 1978. During one of the first table rotations of sit-down dinners of Fall Term at Shattuck-St. Mary's when we were assigned to the same table. Over the course of that rotation we became fast friends. John & I added to, or were added by, hard to tell, a friend group that included Mary Whipple, Eleanor Sandstead & Shelly Wright. What I remember the most was laughter. There were times we laughed so much and so loudly that we got some unwelcome attention by the “cool kids” who thought we were weird. That only made us laugh more.

I remember too that John & I had discussions about everything, history, current events (there was a lot going on around the world in the late 1970's & early 80's) and just life in general. John & I both grew up in rural areas where we and our families were transplants, our parents were in education and so some of our life experience was similar. We were both involved in the vestry and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd where we both served as acolytes. Finally, we both found sporting activities largely a waste of time which leads me to one of my favorite stories.

John & I signed up for intramural golf my senior, his junior year. Neither of us cared a jot about golf, and I do not think I have played since that time, excluding perhaps mini-golf. After checking in with Mr. Kettering, who would return to the library, John & I set off. John always insisted that if we were going to waste time golfing we should at least listen to something worthwhile. So he strapped a radio to his golf bag blasting NPR's All Things Considered. I will tell you that to this day when I hear the theme song for that show, which is the same today, while I am driving home in Chicago I often have thought of our golfing days! Neither of us were any good at golf and so, without supervision, and feeling terribly clever, we would tee off not on the first tee but on something liked the 5th which was near the 1st. We would continue that same ploy throughout the round usually golfing just three holes rather than the 9 holes we were supposed to do. Having finished, we would head back to Whipple Hall along the back of the building so as not to draw any unnecessary attention to ourselves and they lay low until it was time to change for dinner! John you will be missed, but know you made life better for me, and all who knew you!

Charles

Charles F. Farrell - December 04, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ What a strong soul and truly wonderful man John was. I was so happy years ago for Andy and John to find each other. And so glad that Andy Jo had found someone to share his life with and take such good care of him. They ended up taking great care of each other. John was great person and will be missed by many. My best to all John's family and loved ones.

**Ron Shelton** - December 04, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ John was a wonderful friend. I enjoyed our many conversations and dinners together. One of the best memories I have of John is our New Orleans trip. We will miss you John.



**Larry Sims** - December 04, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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“ The ProTech Services Group Inc. Family purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of John E. Corcoran.



**The ProTech Services Group Inc. Family** - December 04, 2020 at 12:56 PM

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“ We would like to offer our sincerest sympathies to Andy and all of the family members. John was always a pleasure! I absolutely loved his sense of humor, and the eloquence of his delivery. (If you knew John, you understand that statement.) John was a wonderful man, and he will certainly be missed by all. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steve and Mona Seligman

**Mona Seligman** - December 04, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear this news, my heart hurts for Andy and John's family. John was one of the sweetest men I have had the privilege to meet, a gregarious full of life man. It was a pleasure to be in his company. John, Andy and I had the fun of exploring New Zealand and Australia on a vacation bowling tournament. What a trip, John's love of fine food, wine, and travel. The four of us traveling through Colorado, being confused for Secret Service at South Park, those four buzz cuts and sunglasses in conjunction with the Tahoe you had all rented. John's love of travel certainly helped set the stage for many great memories I still hold today John was taken from us much too soon..

Love  
Mark Willis and Terry VanBlaricum

Mark Willis - December 04, 2020 at 11:42 AM

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Shannon Gregory - December 04, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ Jeanne Ortmann lit a candle in memory of John E. Corcoran



Jeanne Ortmann - December 04, 2020 at 10:52 AM

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“ I recall hanging out with John in the smoking lounge of our boarding school in Faribault MN. He was a lovely guy back in high school. I am genuinely saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to John's life partner and loved ones.

**Elizabeth Fox** - December 04, 2020 at 07:27 AM

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“ John was one of the kindest and smartest people I've ever known. I feel honored to have known him and I know I am a better person for him being in my life. You will be missed John but I know you were and will always be a cherished and much loved friend.

**Kurt Knotts** - December 03, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ John was a walking Encyclopedia of knowledge!!!

**Shannon Gregory** - December 04, 2020 at 11:05 AM

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“ When I think of John, I think of how loving, kind and caring he was to me, my family and everyone. I think about how he and Andy was just visiting me and my husband in February of 2020. I think of our trip to New Orleans in September of 2019. I think about how John and Andy rescued by SLR Mackaroni as this is how I got the pleasure of meeting and knowing John. It's hard to believe that a little rescued Schnauzer being fostered by John and Andy could introduce me to my best friends of four years now. I think about the warm, cozy blanket I got him before his surgery and finding the red dinnerware at Pottery Barn for him for his birthday this year. John was my family and I will hold all my memories of him close in my heart. With all my love and condolences to the family, Shannon Gregory



**Shannon Gregory** - December 03, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. John was a dear friend and one of the most gregarious, intelligent, fun loving people I've ever know. He was a joy to be around and I am better for knowing him. I will miss him terribly.

**Brandy Schroyer** - December 03, 2020 at 08:46 PM