



## John Fruit

May 15, 2021

John Fruit, age 81, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2021, surrounded by his family. John will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 58 years, Carol Morris Fruit; his sons, Jeffrey (Kristin) and Stephen (Lee); three grandchildren, John, Ben and Megan; his sister, Susan and sister-in-law, Sharon. He was preceded by his parents, Roy (Spin) and Marie Fruit and his brother, Charles “Chuck” Fruit. Born and raised in Edwardsville, Illinois, John attended Edwardsville High School, the University of Colorado and graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He soon began his lifelong career in banking, first in California and then as President and CEO of Edwardsville National Bank in Illinois. Upon retirement, John and Carol moved to Bluffton, SC. Always a “people person” he was involved in many community organizations throughout his career including the EGHM Foundation, SIUE Foundation, Edwardsville Arts Center, Boy Scouts of America – Trails West Council, Madison-Bond Counties Workforce Investment Board, SWIDA and Leadership Council of Southern Illinois and a long-time member of the Edwardsville Rotary Club.

He was cremated according to his wishes and a memorial visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Weber & Rodney Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Edwardsville.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the EGHM Foundation, c/o Edwardsville CUSD7, 708 St Louis Street, or the Edwardsville, IL YMCA.

# Cemetery

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## Woodlawn Cemetery

1400 Saint Louis Street  
Edwardsville, IL, 62025

# Events

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**JUN** **Memorial Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Weber & Rodney Funeral Home  
304 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, IL, US, 62025

# Comments

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“ I just read of John's passing in a Colorado alumni magazine. I remember our years together at CU. I'm glad I knew John, and Carol, too. When I remember back I always think of the two as an inspiration. Always a good memory.

John Hepburn

John Hepburn - December 06, 2021 at 10:44 PM

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“ All I can say is what a gentleman we lost. A class act.

charles Juneau - June 05, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ Carol and Family. I am so sorry about your dad. I am so glad I got to meet up with him in September last year in Hilton Head. He was a fine gentleman that every time I needed him at the bank he was there for me. Even after retirement he gave me good advise while we were visiting in Hilton Head.

Daryel Buesking - May 25, 2021 at 04:34 PM

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“ I remember a game of girls after boys at recess in first grade when I caught John by his pants pockets and his pants tore. He tied his jacket around his waist and continued. We went inside laughing. He always adapted to life and never held a grudge.

During a walk on Saturday I was thinking of him and planning to call to catch up. I was too late. I am sad to have lost an old friend who was a gentleman from 5 on. my love to his family, Marina Lucco Eovaldi

Marina Eovaldi - May 25, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ Our sympathy to your family. We remember many good memories of John - always a friendly and welcoming person. Our thoughts and prayers for all,of you.  
Roger and Barbara Haberer

**Roger Haberer** - May 23, 2021 at 08:48 PM