



## John David Hacker

March 25, 1980 - November 19, 2019

John David Hacker, born on March 25, 1980, grew up in Bolivar, Missouri where he was a standout student, singer and three-sport athlete. After high school, he received college scholarship offers for football, basketball and baseball. He played baseball at Missouri State University, before attending Creighton University School of Law. After law school, John returned to Springfield, where he practiced law. In 2014, John received the Equal Access to Justice Award from the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, honoring his dedication to representing indigent clients.

John always loved sports and music and gooseberry pie, sharing all with friends and family. Above all else, John loved Kiley and the kids. Jack, a 5th grader, loved to go fishing with his dad. Annie, a kindergartner, remains his biggest fan. They enjoyed spending time as a family at the lake on the weekends, catching local ballgames and adding lost pets to the family menagerie.

John is survived by his wife of 10 years Kiley Garver Hacker, their two young children Jack and Annie, parents David and Dana Hacker, siblings Emily Hacker Beckman and Scott Hacker, and countless family, friends and colleagues who are feeling this tremendous loss.

This tribute is brief, because that's how John would want it to be. He embodied quiet kindness more than anything and was a genuine person who collected friends everywhere he went. And not only friends, but best friends. He was understated, yet clever, known for his quick wit and sense of humor. He was genuine, often lifting others up when no one was watching. John was the sweetest soul and he will be missed beyond measure by so many. Someone recently said "to know John was to love John" and we all agree this is absolutely true.

A Fellowship Gathering for John will be Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., at the Oasis Conference Center in Springfield, Missouri, for any and all friends and family of John's.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Jack and Annie Educational Fund at the Bank of Bolivar.

# Events

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**NOV** **Celebration Of Life** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

2546 n. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO, US

# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 23, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 22, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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“ "There will never be a moment in time when this tragedy will make sense or be understood. My hope is that you will in your heart forever carry the enormous capacity to love that grew from having the privilege of knowing such an incredibly beautiful soul. One day at a time my friend is all you can ask of yourself. I know how strong you are and that you will comfort and guide your family lovingly to carry on." John was an amazing person and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. I was sad to here about everything he had went through, but I thank you for sharing his story. We have some friends who's son has just suffered a concussion from playing football and I want to share his story with them.  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family and you will be in our prayers.

Tabitha (Terrell) Pursley  
Bolivar High Class of 1998

Tabitha Pursley - November 22, 2019 at 05:47 PM

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“ My greatest sympathy is with you in this time of grief.

The Hacker family mantra must be kindness. I remember many years ago our boys were playing Little League baseball. Dr. Hacker was the coach. My husband passed away and Dr. Hacker, who hardly knew Troy, came to his memorial service. He did that for my son. They finished the season with Dr. Hacker showing JeRemy much kindness and attention. He was also kind to me while I was trying to navigate the waters of a widow raising 3 children. Down through the years, I have remembered Dr. Hacker's kind words and deeds. Thank you so much.

In the past few days, talking with my daughter and sons, each one of them expressed how kind and caring John was to them. They may not have been his closest friends, but they noticed his kindness.

We, as a family, would like to express our truly heartfelt condolences. God bless you all.

Paula Byrd

Be kinder than necessary- Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle~~~Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.

Paula J Byrd - November 22, 2019 at 03:13 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 22, 2019 at 02:10 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 21, 2019 at 08:42 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 21, 2019 at 07:02 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss and prayers of comfort sent your way for all the Hacker family  
A distant cousin of Hacker family. We shared great and great-great grandparents.  
Anna Laura Hembree Hopkins and family.



**Anna L Hopkins** - November 21, 2019 at 06:53 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John David Hacker.



November 21, 2019 at 05:12 PM

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“ Only God Almighty knows why John was called home so soon. Heartfelt sympathy and prayers for peace and healing to you all. Don Honey

**Don Honey** - November 21, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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“ So sorry for your heartbreaking loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheri Smith

**Sheri Smith** - November 20, 2019 at 08:03 PM

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“ So terribly sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Hacker families. -- Chris Mahaffey, Chicago IL

**Chris Mahaffey** - November 20, 2019 at 03:59 PM