



John Robert Moody

December 17, 1956 - September 14, 2025

John Robert Moody of Pawleys Island, formerly of Plymouth, MA and Canoga Park, CA passed away peacefully on Sunday September 14, 2025 with his beloved wife Irene and cherished daughter Katelyn by his side.

John was the devoted husband of Irene J. (Gagliardi) Moody. Loving father of his treasured daughter Katelyn Rose Moody. DaDa to his second daughter, a golden retriever Bella who adored him.

Born on December 17, 1956 and raised in Canoga Park, CA. He graduated from El Camino High School and continued his education at Pierce College. He was the son of the late Robert Dunne Moody and Rosemary (Cossman) Moody.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister Kathleen and brother Richard.

In addition to his wife Irene and daughter Katelyn Rose, he is survived by his brother Stephen.

John moved to Massachusetts in 1989 and began a life long career at BCBS of Massachusetts retiring in 2014. A year later, he consulted for BCBS until 2021 when he officially retired from work life. John served the Plymouth community as a member and Chairman of the Advisory & Finance Committee

for over 11 years. He was instrumental in establishing and operating a nonprofit organization that managed a historical home owned by the Town that was used as a Community Center.

John and Irene's love story began in 1990. They were inseparable, taking many spontaneous adventures together. Road trips began with "which way are we heading today, North or South?" They honeymooned in Paris and Switzerland. The birth of their daughter Katelyn Rose brought unimaginable joy into their lives. Vacations became a whole new set of adventures. Countless trips to Disneyland, CA, Maine, NH and numerous states in the US. The most memorable was Hawaii in 2018. They began their latest adventure when they moved to Pawleys Island, SC in 2021. It was then that John began to relax and enjoy the benefits of retirement. Soaking up the sunshine and lying in his hammock with a bourbon in hand listening to music with Bella by his side.

John was a beacon of light, a dedicated, loving and supportive husband, father and mentor to many at work and within the community. He had a unique ability to listen, absorb, process information and provide constructive feedback with knowledge, compassion and understanding.

John was an avid reader. A historian, John collected history books and, wanting to stay factual, regularly researched those topics, when referencing them in everyday conversations. Most of those conversations recently occurred as posts and/or responses to posts on Twitter/X. A lover of philosophy and history, he fell asleep every night listening to philosophical books, the most recent being the Bible.

He enjoyed the Golden Age of Hollywood, folk and classic rock music. For years, weekends were spent binge watching Turner Classic movies.

John's passing leaves a major hole in the hearts of his wife Irene, daughter Katelyn and numerous friends. His legacy lives on through the wisdom, knowledge and most importantly the LOVE that he shared.

John often quoted lines from movies that he had stored in his brain. There were many so it seems fitting to share these quotes:

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." - Gandalf

"And remember, my sentimental friend, that a heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others." - The Wizard of Oz

No local services are planned at this time.

Please sign the family's guestbook at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to have served the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Robert Moody.*



September 25, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ *Frank and I are so sad to learn that John has left so early. He was a fun guy, we loved our annual trips to the Vineyard. He worked on my projects for several years, I had a huge amount of respect for his skillset. He loved sharing his knowledge. He also boasted about his beautiful daughter and how talented his wife Irene was. We are sending our heartfelt sympathy to Irene and Kaitlin. He is already missed. I added a few pics to this site. Sending love.*

Pat Comperchio - September 23, 2025 at 06:51 AM



“ *Love you John!*
Christine & Michael



Christine Kelsey - September 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM

CK

“ John was an amazing and devoted husband and father. We first met when Katelyn was preschool age. Over the years we shared and celebrated many of our and our children’s monumental life events. We often didn’t need an “event.” We all enjoyed bonfires, cookouts, and dinners out. It was on those occasions, John’s love of philosophy shined through! And his memory!! He was an encyclopedia of facts - especially music. He could recite the artist, the songs, the album and the year it came out. He could do that on various topics. I was always impressed.

John worked incredibly hard at his job. In his semi-retirement, he also worked tirelessly for the betterment of the town of Plymouth, especially the Manomet community. We are forever grateful.

Irene and Katelyn and Bella, too, our hearts break for your loss. Our prayers are with you as your courage, strength and love from God, your family and friends pull you through this difficult time.

We love you!

Christine and Michael

Christine Kelsey - September 20, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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christine kelsey - September 20, 2025 at 03:21 PM

RS

“ Irene, your SCUTE family has you in our prayers.

Rick & Cathy Scott - September 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM

KB

I'm so sorry to hear his passing. Knowing John was a privilege. I send blessings and love to John and his family.

Karen Buechs - September 21, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LR

“ My deepest condolences Irene and Katelyn. My heart breaks for you. Such a tremendous loss.
John had many loves, history, golf, community and a good Bourbon. Truly his greatest love was for his girls. The love he had for these ladies was palpable. I hope and pray that love from family and friends will help in some way fill the void that you are feeling.

Linda Reardon - September 19, 2025 at 09:49 PM

KZ

“ This is so sad to hear. To know John was to love John. Im so glad John, Irene and Katelyn (my beanie baby pal) welcomed me, Maggie, and Julie to their place in Plymouth where we really just had a great time with sooo many beautiful memories that we talk and laugh about often. We are cousins and we were blessed to have the times to get to spend with his beautiful family! It wasnt that often, but every minute was fun and full of wonder-fullness!
Wondering what John thinks of that word. There are some people in our lives whom you feel comfortable with right away. John was that man. Im praying for Irene and Katelyn I know there is a deep void. But I hope great memories of a great man help you through the days ahead! ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Thank you John for fixing us cousins some great cosmos. And inviting and treating us midwestern small town girls to a bit of Boston. Rum cake that got us drunk off the smell. And We cant forget hula skirts. Thank you John. Till we meet again!

karen zwicke - September 19, 2025 at 09:26 PM

MK

“ *The three amigos(Big John, Mike and Doug) enjoying conversation,laughter and beverages. So many great memories. RIP my friend.*



Mike Kelsey - September 19, 2025 at 07:24 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to a great brother-in-law. His love for his family was unparalleled. He is flying high with the angels!*

Marion - September 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM

AG

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Anne Geoffrion - September 19, 2025 at 02:44 PM

IM

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Irene Moody - September 19, 2025 at 02:30 PM