



John Mark Dicken

March 19, 1953 - May 13, 2024

John Mark Dicken, 71 of Warrensburg, Missouri passed away on Monday, May 13, 2024, at his home. He was born Thursday, March 19, 1953 in Lincoln, Kansas, and was the son of the late D. Dean Dicken and the late Elisabeth "Betty" (Holmes) Dicken.

John Mark grew up in the Wichita, KS area and later moved to California to pursue a career in computer sales. He always loved food and cooking. He later enrolled in culinary school and received his culinary certification. He later moved to the east coast to take a position as the Executive Chef for the Tremont House in Boston, MA. The highlight of his career was when he had the opportunity to showcase his rack of lamb recipe for Julia Child on her national cooking show.

While on the east coast he loved to go fishing and lobstering. He spent most of his adult life on the east coast working in luxury hotel restaurants until moving to Missouri in 2007 to be closer to family. After moving to the Midwest, he found his love for BBQ. He continued to cook and work in different local restaurants, especially BBQ restaurants. He volunteered as a judge for local Kansas City BBQ contests. He was a member of the Warrensburg First Baptist Church and attended regularly with his sister, Julie. John Mark enjoyed going back to Kansas often to see family. He loved cooking for family reunions and family gatherings.

His unexpected passing will leave a void in the hearts of loved ones. To honor his wishes, he will be cremated and have his ashes scattered in the ocean. A

celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Surviving are two daughters, Ashley (Dave) Carr of Dixon, CA, Jillian Dicken (Sly Moore) of Thorndike, MA; three sisters, Barbara Richardson of Belle Plaine, KS, Faith Deana Sauzek of Wellington, KS, Julie Stewart of Higginsville, MO; one grandchild, Gabriel Carr; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ John was such a kind and caring person. Loved his church and loved cooking. I am so very sorry to hear he is gone. He had so much talent in the kitchen and he liked to use that to benefit others. Rest in peace my friend.

Kathryn Hubbard House - June 01, 2024 at 07:25 PM

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“ John was a regular at the restaurant I work at, and I later found out, my next door neighbor. He will definitely be missed! He was a part of our restaurant family!



Amanda - May 21, 2024 at 06:16 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about John's passing. I will always remember his kindness.

Lara Barricklow - May 16, 2024 at 08:42 PM

KC

“ Kcrein lit a candle in memory of John Mark Dicken



kcrein - May 16, 2024 at 10:07 AM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album John Mark



Marshall Stewart Sr. - May 15, 2024 at 05:07 PM