

Berlin/Bolton

John B. Loether, 69, of Berlin, passed away on August 22, 2014. He leaves his wife of 45 years, Judith (Palya) Loether; two sons, Kurt Loether of Lunenburg and Travis Loether and his wife Jes of Douglas; and his sister, Sally Loether of Stoneham. Born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late John M. and Alycema (Demmler) Loether. John lived in Bolton for 22 years before moving to Berlin. Mr. Loether graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1968 with a double degree in business administration and math. A highlight of his college days was performing the 1963 Rose Bowl parade as part of the U-Wisconsin Marching Band.

Mr. Loether served in the United State Navy from 1968 until 1972 and was stationed aboard the submarine tender U.S.S. Holland in Rota, Spain.

John started a career in computing in 1964 at the U-Wisconsin, then with E. I. Dupont, and the U.S. Navy. That was followed by 10 years at the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston where he became a customer of Digital Equipment Corporation. John then became a "DECie" for 20 years. In 1998, he joined Compaq Computer Corporation for three years, and in 2002, he became an HP employee. In 2005, John began his own company, LoetherSpeaks, LLC, as Principal Consultant and President.

Throughout his career, John held different positions in sales training, marketing, and engineering but his time spent in technical consulting sessions with customers was his joy. As a Senior Technology Consultant, John lectured around the world on many of the computer industry's leading technologies, including Digital VAX, Compaq ProLiant, Tandem NonStop and HP Superdome. He was a master at his craft and a mentor and friend to all; a natural entertainer and showman with his booming voice, boundless enthusiasm, incredible intellect and kind, generous nature.

John was truly one of a kind and a damn proud American. His enthusiasm, sense of humor, dedication, and talent will long be remembered by those who had the privilege to have known him, worked with him, or just sat in the front row as John delivered his 'talk'. The standing ovation said it all.

John didn't know how good he was, but all those that came in contact with him did, and always will. The world is a bit less bright without him.

Funeral services are private. Burial will take place at a later date in the family lot in Wisconsin. Arrangements are under the care of Hays Funeral Home of Northborough. The online guestbook is available at www.haysfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.