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Obituary:

John Allen Rollins



John Allen Rollins, 56, of Charleston, formerly of Kenova, died suddenly on Sunday, July 19, 2009, in Charleston.

John was born May 28, 1953, in Huntington and was a son of the late Walter F. "Lefty" Jr. and Martha Lacock Rollins.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Frances McCoy Rollins; two daughters, Mary Katherine and Elizabeth Hampton "Libba" Rollins; one aunt, Lucy C. Rollins of Kenova; an uncle and his wife, Walter and Betty Crowther of Louisville, Ky.; cousins, Brad Crowther, Ann Crowther, Robert Huston, Linda Cartaxo, Harold E. Rollins, Jr. and Patti D. Rollins; in-laws, Dr. A. Thomas and Margaret McCoy; and sisters- and brothers-in-law Nancy and Milton Neshek and Hugh and Jeanne McCoy. He will be missed by many other loving cousins, extended family, colleagues and friends.

He was pre-deceased by a brother, Walter F. Rollins III, in 1951.

John graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School in 1971 and received his BA degree from West Virginia University in 1975, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society. In 1978 he obtained his J.D. degree from West Virginia University, where he was an associate editor of the West Virginia Law Review. John was a senior partner of Lewis, Glasser, Casey and Rollins, PLLC, Law Offices in Charleston. John had comprehensive experience in commercial bankruptcy and commercial transactions and was often called upon to arbitrate transaction disputes. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits, and all federal and state trial and appellate courts in West Virginia.

His professional memberships include the West Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association - Commercial Law Section, the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America and West Virginia Super Lawyers and holds an AV listing in Martindale-Hubbell. His litigation work has resulted in numerous published appellate opinions.

John served on the board of HospiceCare and was an active member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church and Charleston Rotary. He was an Eagle Scout.

John's passions in life were his family and his law practice. This creative and brilliant attorney enjoyed a close relationship with his law partners, associates, and clients. The legal community, including his adversaries, valued him, his integrity and great skill.

Fran McCoy was the love of John's life. Through 22 years of marriage, they unselfishly shared their unique gifts and talents with each other, as well as their many colleagues, friends and the community. As the son of an art teacher, he introduced Fran to fine art collecting and she, in turn, brought music into his life. His life was further enriched by architecture, home design and gardening. During his courtship with Fran, he revealed his love of fast cars and "state of the art radar detectors."

John was devoted to his beloved daughters, Mary Katherine and Libba, who brought him such happiness and joy. He took enormous pride in the accomplishments of his talented girls and

cherished their time together. He enjoyed reading aloud to them and acting out storybook characters such as those in the "Lemony Snicket" series, to their uproarious laughter, and planned many successful family travels including camping trips, canoeing, and enjoying the great outdoors. John's love of work, home and family characterized the essence of his life.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 36 Norwood Road, Charleston, conducted by the Rev. William Carl Thomas.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Palladian Hall, also known as the Commons, at Charleston Catholic High School, 1033 Virginia Street East, Charleston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25311, or to the building fund at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 36 Norwood Road, Charleston, WV 25314.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rollins Funeral Home, Kenova.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.
