



Robin John Wideman

September 20, 1948 - March 8, 2015

Wideman, Robin John, of Plymouth passed away peacefully on March 8, 2015 at the age of 66. He is survived by his loving sister, Elizabeth Wideman, caring friends and extended family. Robin graduated from Plymouth High School where he excelled in violin and tennis. He was a wonderful teacher who for many years directed the Plymouth summer tennis program. Robin earned a degree in music education at Eastern Michigan University where he played men's singles tennis for his college team. Following graduation, Robin performed on viola with the acclaimed Ann Arbor-based baroque group, Ars Musica, in concert both at home and around the country. Many know of Robin's love of cooking and have stopped by on Harvey Street for a bowl of his fiery gazpacho or for lunch at the old Cozy Café in Plymouth. He was a person of great talent, courage and kindness and will be so greatly missed. A Memorial Service is to be held Saturday April 18, 2015, 11:00 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4509. To share a memory, please us the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
574 South Sheldon Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Robin John Wideman*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Robin was my tennis instructir when I was 10 years old at the plymouth central tennis courts I am proud to say because of Robin I continued playing and received a full ride tennis scholarship to CMU and moved to Florida to become a tennis pro at many five star tennis resorts and clubs. Now I am 61 and still love and play the game. Robin would drive my sister and I to many tennis tournaments and we would usually come home with a first place trophy. We know he loved his violin and viola playing. Robin, rest in peace , you made a difference on this earth as a mentor, friend, and kind person. Thank you so much. You are still thought of when I tell people how I started playing the game of tennis.*

Becky - July 15, 2023 at 06:01 AM



“ *Great friend to have had the good fortune to grow up with. Shared sports, girl adventures and hopes and fears about life. I worked at the Ford Transmission Plant in Livonia one summer with Robin. He was a talented guy, and also alot of fun. Great memories friend, Jack Byrne.*

Jack Byrne - June 09, 2015 at 05:18 PM

RM

“ So sorry to learn of Robin's transition. I met him in junior high where we played violin together (he was always better than me!). Many great memories of playing in school, at festivals & even in a string quartet. Also, he would give me rides on Monday nites to Plymouth Symphony rehearsals. After graduation from h.s., we connected again and he got me to play in the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra. By then I had switched to viola so was interested to read that he also played viola in an early music group. He always talked about having to choose between violin & tennis. However, it seems like he made it work with both. I also wanted to mention that my mother, Alba Van Meter, had a mastectomy in her 60's & took tennis lessons from Robin to get some strength back. She so enjoyed tennis & Robin. When my parents moved to Fla. in 1985 they played doubles tennis 5 days/week for many years. So Robin not only impacted my life but the life of my parents. I am so sorry that he transitioned before our 50th h.s. reunion. I would have loved to have seen him.

*Roberta Van Meter, Baltimore, MD.
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Roberta Van Meter - April 18, 2015 at 11:13 AM

JD

I'm sorry to hear of Robin's passing. A funny, talented guy, he gave us some awfully good times in Ars Musica. John Dunham, Minneapolis

John Dunham - August 08, 2021 at 06:42 PM