

John Harris Sheridan – September 27, 2018



He was the son of Attorney Andrew Sheridan and Mary Harris Sheridan. John was the first born of five children. Following John were Tom, Harry, Eleanor and Dennis. John's Grandfather, Senator John P. Harris was the founder of the Nickelodeon, the first talking motion picture theater. Eventually the Harris Amusement Company was founded. Theaters were opened in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The Harris Amusement Company also owned the Pittsburgh Hornets hockey team. During the intermissions between periods John Harris President of the Harris Amusement Company was looking for ways to entertain the audience. He hit on the idea of hiring a figure skater to entertain the crowd. He hired Sonja Henie. Her performances were met with such enthusiasm that John Harris immediately began thinking about the popularity of figure skating. Shortly thereafter, he founded Ice Capades.

John Harris Sheridan graduated from high school in 1955. While spending the summer in Palm Springs, California he was called to join Ice Capades. He did so and remained with the show during the 1955 and 1956 seasons. In 1957 John settled in Phoenix, Arizona with the Sheridan family. John attended Arizona State University. He eventually went to work at a local television station and for the remainder of his life he was involved in television. He last worked in El Paso, Texas a state and city he loved.

Approximately three years ago John learned that he had Multiple Myeloma, a virulent blood cancer. He moved to Los Angeles to avail himself to treatment at the USC - Norris Cancer Center. He was doing well in the fight against cancer but he, due to long hours in bed contracted pneumonia. He was never able to prevent the pneumonia from reoccurring. Eventually he developed a very deep lung infection. His body was not strong enough to fight off the infection and he was taken from us on September 27, 2018.

Thank you to Richard Dwyer who was at John's side throughout John's ordeal

John loved the Ice Capades family. He spoke often of many members, too many to mention.