



## Mr. John McCarrell Allardice

May 30, 1940 - June 8, 2017

On June 8, 2017, John McCarrell Allardice, (Johnny Mac/The Big Guy) age 77, of Bradford Woods, beloved husband of Susan M. Allardice; father of John M. (Betsy) Allardice Jr., Scott B. (Marilee) Allardice, Julie A. Allardice Ray, Shawn P. Lyter, Benjamin H. Miller & Theodore W. (Joungsun) Miller; brother of Jane (the late Robert) Vankirk, Barbara (Mark) Draa. John was "Pop Pop" to 7 grandchildren : Amber (Derek) Reisinger, Emma Allardice, Grace Allardice, Duncan Ray, Dabin, Taebin & Subin Miller. John was preceded in death by his 3 brothers: Thomas B. Allardice, Robert D. Allardice & William Allardice

John was born in Baltimore, MD, to the late James & Becky Allardice. He grew up in Colonia, NJ, and Pittsburgh. He graduated from North Allegheny Sr. High School in 1958 and went on to Washington & Jefferson College and the Univ. of Pittsburgh, where he received a BS in Chemistry. After many years working in chemical companies, he founded Releasomers, Inc. , a mold release company that served the rubber and plastics industries throughout the world. He received a patent for a product he developed that helped to revolutionize the tire industry.

John had a passion for music and theatre and was an accomplished vocalist, actor and musician. He performed with the Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh Musical Theatre, The Kean Theatre, Comtra Theatre, and many others. For many

years he was a vocalist in churches and sang with the Les Brown Voices of Christmas. He loved to sit at his piano or to strum on his guitar.

John came from a long line of avid golfers. He and his brothers made up an incredible 4-some. When Parkinson's Disease threatened to end one of his favorite pastimes, John researched on the internet and found golf courses that offered handicapped accessible golf carts.

John and his wife, Susan, enjoyed traveling - around the country and around the world. From camping trips at the Grand Canyon, to New York City, to the Florida Keys, they experienced all that America has to offer. They traveled to Mexico, Germany, Italy, Vanuatu and, in 2015, traveled to Scotland to visit John's ancestral homeland. John's love of Scotland was insurmountable. In his younger days he was a professional Scottish athlete, participating in Highland Games throughout the country.

But perhaps his greatest accomplishments and contribution to this world was being an thoughtful, encouraging, supportive, and caring father, pop-pop, and husband. If you knew the Big Guy or had the privilege to spend time with him you were a better human being as a result.

Friends will be received Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 2- 8 pm at the home of Susan and John. A Celebration of life will be held on Thursday, 11:00 am, at Shannopin Country Club, in Ben Avon Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) or CASA of Allegheny County, [www.pgh-casa.org](http://www.pgh-casa.org). Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home [www.simonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.simonsfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Johns entire family. He was such a kind ,caring man ,a true "nice guy". We both enjoyed talking and sharing stories all thou John seemed to never run short of material. He could converse about any subject and I admired him for that. Probably the most predominate memory was the way he belted out ..... Mustang Sally..... absolutely the best we ever heard!! Just a wonderful gentleman. God Bless John and all of you, Scott and Tina Sherer

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**S&T Sherer** - June 15, 2017 at 07:07 PM

“ I mourn the passing of my best friend, John, and celebrate him with a poem

*I wrote from a heart that misses its beautiful friend:*

*Not Goodbye,  
but “Thank You, John”*

*- Jac Blackman*

*There’s nothing like close family or a truly dear friend,  
For you can count on them to see you to the very end.*

*There is always that special warmth of their sweet, precious love,  
And it comes to us like a special gift from high above.*

*Of all life’s treasures and pleasures we may dearly cherish,  
The love of a best friend is one that can’t ever perish,*

*John, you truly made your love mark on family and friend,  
And we will carry that in our hearts until time may end.*

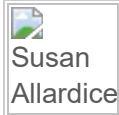
*The life-touching path you walked is one so easily traced  
For you left love marks on us that could never be erased.*

*Oh, yes, we will certainly miss your presence here on earth,  
And we’ll remember your love, laugh, presence, smile and mirth.*

*You’ve given a priceless gift to each of us from your heart,  
And we know such a timeless prize can never, ever part.*

*“Well done, oh good and faithful servant”, would the Master say,  
And our love for you goes with you on your new endless way!*

**reverend Jac Blackman** - June 15, 2017 at 07:52 AM



*thank you, Jac...John cherished your friendship, as do I...your words are beautiful and very comforting.*

**Susan Allardice** - June 30, 2017 at 10:24 AM

WB

*“ I will miss my friend John! He had a wonderful sense of humor and his talent for singing, acting and playing his musical instruments. I went to a lot of John's and Susan plays.He will be up in heaven with my mom and dad and so many more friends and family who have passed away. I will miss my friend that I would call him John Boy.*

**Wendy Bryson** - June 10, 2017 at 05:46 PM

SA

*thank you, Wendy...he really loved you!*

**Susan M Allardice** - June 11, 2017 at 01:06 PM

JF

*“ So very sorry to hear of John's passing. Both John and Susan have been friends of mine since I did my first dinner theater show with him in 1981 at 19 years old. Besides the fun times of performing and also working with Susan as a director for several of my shows, I'll always remember John's great sense of humor and welcoming smile. He was such a positive, kind and fun loving person. We will truly miss him. Rest In Peace my friend.*

**John Furman** - June 10, 2017 at 09:44 AM

SA

*Thank you, my dear friend.*

**Susan M Allardice** - June 11, 2017 at 01:06 PM

BT

“ The first show I did in Pittsburgh was with John and Susan, and many of my scenes were with John. He was instantly friendly to this stranger, and in that show and others to come, he was so warm and professional. John and Susan were a great couple and became such great friends, which was necessary when just a couple of years ago, I had to passionately kiss his wife on stage every night, right in front of him! Thank you, Big Guy, for sharing your friendship, your home, and your talents. The lights will be dimmed for you.

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**Bruce E. Travers** - June 10, 2017 at 08:42 AM

RK

*"Give me my Romeo, when he shall die, take him and cut him out in little stars, and he will make the face of heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with night and pay no worship to the garish sun" WS*

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**Robbie Kestnbaum** - June 10, 2017 at 10:10 PM

RK

*"We married well"*

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**Robbie Kestnbaum** - June 10, 2017 at 11:12 PM

  
Susan  
Allardice

*thank you, Bruce...theatre was such a big part of our lives. We both considered our theatre friends , family!*

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**Susan Allardice** - June 30, 2017 at 10:39 AM

Karen  
McVitty

“ For many years, Uncle John participated in the Highland Games at Legionnere....on our 1st trip to see him there, I saw sheep milling around in the gaming field and guys with pitch forks...I ask Uncle John what they were going to do...He said it's called "tossing the sheep"...I was shocked and said doesn't the SPCA have a problem with that? He said, Why? Well, I said, They could hurt the sheep tossing them over that bar!! He gave out one of his famous laughs and said, "They don't toss the "Sheep" they toss the "Sheath" that burlap bag stuffed with straw!! That was only one of our many fun times over the years!! I will always remember his sparkling eyes(with a little mischief in them),his wonderful sense of humor and his talent for singing, acting and musical instruments! Our loss is Heaven's gain! May he rest gently in the arms of the Lord and be at peace! The McVitty Clan

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**Karen McVitty** - June 10, 2017 at 07:41 AM

SA

*Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Susan M Allardice** - June 11, 2017 at 01:07 PM

TK

“ *The world has lost a true Gentleman. R.I.P. John Allardice*

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**Timothy J. Klatte** - June 10, 2017 at 07:32 AM

JC

“ *For many years John and I auditioned for various theater groups. I always enjoyed these meetings and the few times we got to work together. A truly talented, sweet man. My sincere condolences to Susan and the rest of his family. He will be missed.*

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**Jon Cannard** - June 10, 2017 at 06:30 AM

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“ I had the honor of sharing the stage with John twice - I can't remember ever working with another actor who was the perfect balance of professional, sharing, caring, and fun. I'm so happy to have reconnected with John and Sue in the past few years, and to have spent some more time with him, always with a sparkle in his eye. You'll be missed by so many, dear John. We know you're taking Heaven by storm ... "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"

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**Tim Lawson** - June 09, 2017 at 07:36 PM