



## John Bolton Stoeckley

April 18, 1943 - March 28, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John Bolton Stoeckley of Louisiana, MO, a prolific artist whose boundless creativity illuminated the world around him. John departed from this world on Thursday, March 28, 2024, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. Born in Kendallville, Indiana, in 1943 to Ruth and Richard Stoeckley, John's passion for art ignited at an early age. He found solace and purpose in the strokes of his brush, the development of his craft, and the depth of his creations. After graduating from Indiana University, John moved to Chicago and embarked on a lifelong journey dedicated to pursuing artistic excellence. Accepting a position at Stark Bros., he brought his family to Pike County, Missouri, in 1985 and started his fine art business five years later.

John's work transcended boundaries throughout his illustrious career, blending elements of plein-air realism with technical draftsmanship. His drawings and paintings, characterized by intricate detail, captured the essence of the human experience through our shared beloved architecture. John's artistic prowess extended beyond pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations. He ventured into serigraphy, sculpture, and mural painting, each a testament to his versatility and ingenuity. His creations adorned homes, galleries, and public spaces worldwide, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape.

Beyond his artistic achievements, John will be remembered for his gentle spirit, unwavering kindness, and boundless generosity. He touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him, leaving an impression that will endure beyond his physical presence. His loving family will cherish John's memory, including his devoted wife Karen; his sister Ann; his sons Aaron, Clark, Denton, and Reed; his grandchildren Bella, Lily, and Zachary; and numerous nieces and nephews who were a constant source of joy and inspiration to him. As we mourn the loss of John Stoeckley, let us take comfort in the enduring beauty of his art and the profound impact he had on the world. Though he may have left this earthly realm, his spirit will continue to live on through the timeless legacy he leaves behind.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eolia, Missouri, on Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 PM. Friends, family, and admirers are welcome to gather to honor his memory and pay tribute to his extraordinary contributions. Instead of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to The Louisiana Rotary Club, which was dear to John's heart.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO is provider of cremation rites. Online condolences may be sent at [collierfuneral.com](http://collierfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Johns Episcopal Church  
Eolia, MO 63344

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ I didn't know John has passed away. I'm so sorry. Thinking of you Karen. Hilsen fra Kirsten from Norway



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**Kirsten Fosli** - December 18, 2025 at 03:35 PM

SH

“ I am an artist and custom art framer. i met John at the Ward Parkway art event I believe in 2010. At that tume I owned a fine art gallery, and admired John's work enough to ask him into the gallery. He declined as he lived far from the Independence, MO location. He and I ended up with me purchasing multiple prints of his work to show and sell through my setting! So I got to have a print rack with him represented. May he be in peace as he creates beautiful scenes from Heaven's gardens.

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**Sherri Hauptert** - August 07, 2025 at 07:01 PM

LK

“ I'm so very sorry I was not able to be there to celebrate John's amazing life and mourn his passing with you, Karen, and all. He was a lovely man.

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**Lovetta Kramer** - April 29, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Bolton Stoeckley.*



April 20, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *Ariel & Andy Schmick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bolton Stoeckley.*

**Ariel & Andy Schmick** - April 20, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *Bruce A Griffith lit a candle in memory of John Bolton Stoeckley*



**Bruce A Griffith** - April 05, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Karen and the family. John brought a lot of beauty to this world. It will be a big loss for the community. But I am sure the angels are singing in heaven with him there now.*



**Billy Knock** - April 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM

NL

“ *A wonderful man.  
John, you will be missed.*



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**Nathan Lilley** - April 02, 2024 at 01:45 PM