



Niesner, John

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Decatur – John Niesner, 76, faced death with courage Jan. 16, 2022, in Decatur.

John was born May 30, 1945, in Vernon to Wensel John and Velma Niesner. His loving parents raised him to be a hard-working and humor-loving human. The friends he grew up with still regard his pranks and hijinks as world class.

John went to the University of North Texas for a few semesters, but academics were not for him. He was more of a hands-on guy. He went into the world and began a series of rewarding jobs, all of which used his formidable talent for salesmanship.

He had many hobbies that he explored until they satisfied his curiosity and then went on to other interests, such as deep sea fishing in his catamaran, flying model airplanes, building a hydroponic greenhouse, growing the most delicious watermelons you have ever tasted and crafting a loud cannon named “Buster” out of drilling pipe for his very impressed stepgrandsons.

He had a generosity of spirit that he shared with everyone and a deep love for

life in all its variety. He said “yes” more than he said “no.”

He was preceded in death by his parents; his older brother; his sister, Jewell Hildebrand; and his niece, Deborah Frank. Persons left behind, who are glad they crossed paths with him are his wife, Rebecca, of Decatur; daughter, Holli Niesner, of Longview; two stepdaughters, Hayden Bearden of Decatur and Mecca Roberts and husband, Cory, of Colleyville; two stepgrandsons, Merrick and Kellen Roberts of Colleyville; niece, Grace Burzynski and husband, Richard, of Huntsville; nephew, Joe Hildebrand and wife, Robbie, of Nocona; and a host of friends who will remember him with love and sometimes astonishment.

A celebration of his life will follow in the spring.