



John Collins Forbes

August 19, 1947 - November 9, 2025

It is with saddened hearts that the family of John Collins Forbes announces his passing on November 9, 2025, due to complications from his heart condition.

He is survived by his sister, Rebecca Forbes Pucheu (Jacque); two nieces, Lauren Rebecca Gipson and Katherine Pucheu Theall (Torrey); two nephews, Alex Pucheu (Tiffany), Philippe Pucheu (Jamie); and seven great-nieces and nephews.

John was born in 1947 in Laurel, Mississippi, graduating from R.H. Watkins High School in 1965 before attending LSU and receiving a degree in architecture. He resided in Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked as an architect until his retirement.

He was very active in the Tennessee Organization of the Deaf-Blind, serving as president for many years as a tireless advocate for this cause. Known as one of the biggest fans of the LSU Tiger football team, he never missed a game!

John was preceded in death by his grandparents Neil and Dove Forbes, and Wyatt and Elizabeth Anderson; his father, Dr. Neil M. Forbes, Jr.; mother, Pauline Anderson Forbes; sister, Lorraine Forbes Gipson; and brother-in-law

Douglas L. Gipson.

A private graveside service conducted by Memory Chapel Funeral Home will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, officiated by Rev. Dr. Daniel Hawthorne, Senior Pastor of the Laurel First Methodist Church, Laurel, Mississippi.

To view and sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Cemetery

1303 Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

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“ John was such an inspiration to many. I knew him for many years through the Foundation Fighting Blindness Nashville chapter. He was always smiling and I loved him telling me the latest with his enthusiasm. I'm so thankful God saw fit for him to enter my life. Prayers for his family.

Susan Freeze - November 16, 2025 at 02:17 AM

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“ The members of the R. H. Watkins High School class of 1965 send our deepest sympathies. John was a beloved member of our class.

Teresa Pierce - November 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about John. Praying for all of you. 🙏🙏🙏



Angela Duncan - November 13, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ Ruthie & Mark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Collins Forbes.



Ruthie & Mark - November 13, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ We send our deepest sympathies, Beckie and William Ashe, John was a true friend and a blessing to the blind and deaf community, we will never forget the times we spent with John on selling day at the harbor yacht club on the old Hickory Lake, we will miss you bunches John, well done my friend.



William Ashe - November 13, 2025 at 11:44 AM

GH

John, I knew you since 1980's. we not close but you are my good friend. Always happy to see you everywhere there is events. I know you are grateful to be Heaven and see beautiful, light Heaven open with Jesus. I will miss you when you not here on earth, I will see you there soon.

Gayle Hinkle - November 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM