



John Jacob Broders

March 15, 1947 - May 30, 2026

New Orleans, LA - John Jacob Broders, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend, died on May 30, 2026, at the age of 79, of pancreatic cancer.

Born in New Orleans on March 15, 1947, John spent his life deeply rooted in the city he loved. He was known for his sharp intellect, quiet wit, generous spirit, and unwavering devotion to his family. Whether sharing stories, offering thoughtful advice, or simply enjoying time with loved ones, John had a gift for making those around him feel valued and cared for.

John is survived by his wife of 35 years, Laura Comiskey Broders; their daughter, Gabrielle (Brandon Rogers), and their son, Hans Jacob. He is also survived by his brother, Leo Emmet "Buddy" Broders, Jr. (Kay Monroe), and sister, Jean Broders Murlin. In addition, John is survived by his extended family of numerous nieces and nephews (among them, his godchildren, Holly Carter Gordon, Victoria Gabrielle Roper, and Augusta Neville Bryan), cousins, in-laws, many dear friends, and all whose lives were enriched by his presence. John was predeceased by his parents, Leo Emmet Broders, Sr. and Frankie Mac Davis Broders, and his former wife, Diane Denton Broders.

John enjoyed a distinguished legal career spanning more than five decades as one of the nation's leading maritime attorneys. A graduate of St. Martin's Episcopal School, Tulane University, and Tulane University Law School, John built a respected practice in admiralty and maritime law as a partner at Jones Walker LLP in New Orleans. Throughout his career, he represented clients in complex matters involving marine finance, vessel construction, maritime transactions, marine insurance, and international shipping. He was widely recognized for his expertise, integrity, and sound judgment.

He was a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Association of Average Adjusters of the United States, and the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute. He also contributed to the legal profession through publications, mentorships, and decades of service to clients and colleagues. Yet, despite these achievements, John remained humble and approachable, never defining himself by titles or accolades.

John served on the boards of Boys Hope, Girls Hope (n/k/a Hope Ignites New Orleans) and Grace House (n/k/a Bridge House/Grace House); volunteered as a notary public with the New Orleans Public Library at the Algiers Regional Library; and enjoyed participating in courses of the People Program.

An avid reader with a lifelong curiosity about the world, John could often be found immersed in a good book late into the night on the patio. Family and friends also knew him for his love of cooking, grilling, and baking, especially his homemade scones. He found joy in simple pleasures, meaningful conversations, and time spent with those he loved.

John's life was marked by curiosity, kindness, and quiet strength. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the values he instilled, and the countless memories shared by those who knew him. Though he will be profoundly missed, he will be remembered with gratitude, affection, and love.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Mass at St. Rita Catholic Church, 2729 Lowerline Street, New Orleans, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at noon. Interment at Lake Lawn Park, 5454 Pontchartrain Expressway, New Orleans.

In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial contribution to Bridge House/Grace House, 4150 Earhart Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125; People Program, 2240 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122; Library Foundation of New Orleans, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112; or the charity of your choice.

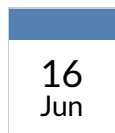
Events



VISITATION

12:00 PM

St. Rita Catholic
Church 2729
Lowerline Street, New
Orleans, LA 70125



FUNERAL MASS

2:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

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Peggy Hymel

John was so kind and generous to me, and especially to my Dad, Gary. He freely gave his time and energy to help whenever needed. My whole family will miss John. Our deepest sympathies to Laura, Gabrielle & Jacob. Peggy Hymel and family

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Annette Gray

John was a kind , thoughtful man and he will be missed by all that knew him. My love and support go out to his family who are very dear to me. May Gods peace and love surround you and keep you. Annette Gray

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Ellen Adams

John was a wonderful man and my best friend for many years. I will always cherish my memories of him and know that he will be greatly missed.

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Victoria Gabrielle Roper

Uncle John was one of the steadiest, kindest presences in my life. Some of my favorite memories are the simplest ones: him at the grill, cooking for the people he loved; talking about whatever nonfiction book he was deep into that week, always curious, always learning; and those early-morning rides to and from the airport, where some of our best conversations happened - the kind of quiet, unhurried talks I'll carry with me always. He never made any of it seem like an effort. That was John - generous in the unglamorous, dependable ways that matter most. My deepest love and sympathy to Laura, Gabrielle, Jacob, and all the family. I will miss him dearly, and remember him always with gratitude and love. With Love,

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A Memorial Tree was planted for John Jacob Broders

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ The Times-Picayune
