

John R. Lazarus

John Ralph Lazarus, known as “Laz” to his old friends, died on May 28, 2023 at the age of 77. Originally from Cincinnati, John was a History major, and was active at WDCR and at Zeta Psi. After Dartmouth, he served as a Naval officer on the USS Ticonderoga during the Vietnam War. After the Navy, John graduated from the Stanford Business School, and launched his own retailing career.

Within the Federated Department Store system, which had been started by his grandfather, John first rose to become General Manager of a Filene’s department store in Hyannis, Massachusetts. After moving to San Francisco, California, John launched his own women’s wear store in San Francisco, known as *Susan Griffin*, focusing on women joining the professional workforce. Finally, as Chief Executive Officer of *Retail Resources, Inc.*, John combined retailing with his love of golf, creating *John Lazarus’ Golf and Tennis Solutions* in Palo Alto, California. He also sat on boards of family-owned retailers, *Zero Population Growth*, and the Libraries for the Future committee related to the San Francisco Library system.

In recent years, John retired to the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, California and a summer home, “Acorn”, in Fairlee, Vermont. Of special note is the Vintage dog park gang, who met daily with John and his beloved Australian Sheepdogs, Dingo and Parker.

Surviving John Ralph Lazarus, are his brother, James Lazarus and his wife Susan Gershenhorn; sister-in-law, Kathryn Lazarus Baron and her husband Frederick Baron, and many nephews and nieces.

