



JOHN CHARLES PETERSEN

John was born and raised in Connecticut. In 2020, John retired from the State of CT Judicial Branch, after a career in mental health services that spanned more than 50 years. John loved to travel, taking adventures around the world, and making friends along the way. In the last decade of his life, he drove from Connecticut to Alaska, rode horses through African plains, traveled across China, and ice-trekking through Antarctica; he experienced it all and cherished every minute on the road. John's other loves included music (singing, playing, & listening), ballet, sports (go Red Sox!), and horseback riding. John is survived by children Judy, Becky, and Chris, brother Jim, sister Sandy, grandchildren Kristen, Kimberly, Eva, Vivian, John, and Jake, and nephew Dylan. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a gathering of family and friends to celebrate John's life will be held at a later date.

He performed as a character actor in many Connecticut Ballet productions going back to 2009, including *The Nutcracker*, *Coppelia*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Cinderella*, and *The Sleeping Beauty*.

Rest in peace, dear John.