John Edward Burns, J.D., a small-town body from Illinois with his twin brother, Jim, was on the team that won the state basketball championship his senior year. At Dartmouth he majored in History and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He joined the Peace Corps for an extended tour in Venezuela before attending the University of Chicago Law School. His noteworthy legal career spanned service as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago and as a partner in a private California firm. Ever curious, John had many interests. He was a talented pianist and enjoyed political analysis. John died December 2, 1993, in Los Angeles of AIDS. He is by survived his mother, Betty Burns, and his brother.

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