

# John William Persohn III

May 20, 1949 - January 17, 2017

Obituary

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John is preceded in death by his father, John W. Persohn Jr. and mother, Beatrice A. Persohn. He is survived by his wife Nina Lee Phillips Persohn, daughters Laura Truett and Shauna Martinich, son-in-laws Louis Truett and John Martinich, as well as one grand-daughter and two grandsons. He also is survived by his brother, Richard Persohn and wife Kendra, brother and sister-in-law James and Rae Koehn and many nephews and nieces.

We will always remember John as having a true connection with people. He was a mentor to many young Police Officers and made a difference in the Austin community. John's commitment to his family and community set a great precedent.

Please join us at 3:00 P.M., Friday, February 3, 2017 at Bee Creek United Methodist Church, 3000 Bee Creek Road in Spicewood, Texas for a Celebration of his life and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions to be made in John's memory to the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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