

To John:

Too many memories – too few words

Great colleague, good friend

- Loyalty born of honest discussions and disagreements
- Strong values on the nature of intellectual responsibilities
- Belief in the collective versus individualism
- Thoughtful and kind
- Strong sense of social justice

His awe of nature – its beauty and its fragility

- Walks around the town golf course with John eulogizing the magnificent oak trees
- Passion for the rainforests of Brazil
- Vigorous advocate for bringing “nature” to the Blacksburg community
- Excitement in watching the skies and its constellations – always a telescope nearby

His persona

- Quick with a smile and sincerity of interest in someone else’s life
- Swimming as exercise and a time for solitude
- Enjoyment of the city and jazz festival in New Orleans – my regret in not experiencing it together
- Willingness to be quirky – why else Bottle Pool?
- Love for his family
- Love and pride in his father and mother
- His love for Ann Arbor and all things maize and blue

Special personal memories

- Sharing a birthday date with his daughter Jayna
- His first home in Blacksburg – passing by it every day on my morning walk and remembering shared good times there
- Our joint work on peri-urban development
- Persuading me to take up golf after 10 years of my voluntary abstention – it has become what I call the “Browder curse”
- Good times around the table with John and friends over a bottle of wine

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*As time passes our lives change but our memories of dear friends become more deeply etched in our minds.*

Jim