

## In Memoriam – JOHN HARTFORD

John Hartford, age 57, of Sherman, Connecticut, died peacefully on April 15, 2011, after a courageous battle with throat cancer.

John was born in Santa Monica, California. He was the son of the late Huntington Hartford and Marjorie Fitzgibbon. He was the great-grandson of the founder of the A&P grocery chain.

He is survived by his sisters, Oonagh Jacobsen and Juliet Hartford, his brother, Peter Fitzgibbon, his mother, Marjorie Fitzgibbon, and many good friends, including his former wife, Kathleen Hartford.

John studied piano for four years privately with Julliard professors Sylvia Rabinoff and Herbert Stessin. His musical education continued with harpsichord studies under Igor Kipnis. He went on to record Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. He was employed by the Music Learning Center of Danbury where he derived great joy from teaching.

In 1977 he experienced a revelation in Christ, which guided the rest of this life. After the Savior Himself, J.S. Bach held first place in his heart, followed closely by Shakespeare, Luther, Lincoln and Plato. He spent many hours in study and reflection of their works.

All of his life he was an adventurer and athlete. He traveled extensively throughout Africa and South America. He was an avid hiker, tennis player, rock climber and ice climber.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Ragged Mountain Foundation, PO Box 948, Southington CT 06489.