



## John Collins

October 31, 1938 - June 15, 2023

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# Tribute Wall

“ Ode to Bicycle John

*Bicycle John  
Bicycle John  
Too many pickleball Johns  
So, we affectionately called him  
Bicycle John*

*He came all the way from Broken Arrow  
Long distance  
On a bike and a bus  
Never too far  
No matter the weather  
For Bicycle John  
To play the game he loved  
Pickleball*

*He started at Eastside  
And played outside at Heller and Carnegie  
And even further away at Case in Sand Springs  
Before settling in at Life Senior Services @ Southminster  
Presbyterian*

*John was an intellectual  
A thinker  
And a mover  
Always looking to improve  
In all he did*

*I told him  
He had “Happy Feet”  
Always moving  
To the beat of his own drummer*

*He was a dancer  
Both swing and ballroom*

*And an ice skater too  
His twirls on the court  
Showed off his athletic prowess and movement*

*Some feared his feet  
Would interfere  
With their play or their shot or their swing  
.... And sometimes he did*

*He was an athlete  
In his own way  
His backwards reverse  
Softball pitcher movement  
Was something to see  
And all his own*

*John always wanted more  
He asked about using "lead tape"  
Wanting more swing power  
Yet after buying some  
He changed his mind and  
Decided he didn't need it*

*When told "a fencing group meets here  
On Tuesdays and Thursdays"  
John wanted to know how to contact them  
For he wanted to try that too*

*When asked his age  
He didn't want to say  
He just said  
He was born during the period of  
Kristallnacht*

*He once gave me the code  
To his Facebook page  
An interesting man*

*Like a sweet onion  
With so many layers*

*John loved his pickleball  
And Southminster Pickleball Players  
Will never forget Bicycle John*

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