**JWS Obituary 2/23/2020**

**General/NYT**

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He is survived by his wife Louise; his four children: John (Rob), Martha, David, and William, and seven grandchildren. A memorial Gathering of Gratitude will be planned in Denver in April.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John's name to Santa Fe Pro Musica, 1512 Pacheco Street, #D201, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or by calling Lydia Milá, Director of Donor Services, 505 373-2338.

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