

Scattering of Ashes



John and Faith's home

Athens, Ohio

23 October 2021

Rowan and I began with a procession
from house through the woods . . .



. . . to two trees at the edge of the promontory over the ravine, where John and I had often hiked during and after the house-building.



We scattered ashes at the bases of the trees, covering them with a layer of earth and leaves so they'd be asorbed by the ground and foliage.

We also sprinkled a libation of Shiner – we thought John would have appreciated the touch.



Then we let the last of the ashes fly over the edge of the ledge into the air and forest below.

On the way back, we realized we'd unexpectedly been joined by John's cat, Seph, who is now blind. Seph, who always slept with me and John (on John's side – usually on top of him) had come all the way out to the ceremony by sound alone.

Seph accompanied us back to the house.

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