Lucky

Copper penny gleaming on the sidewalk
John can never pass it by.
It might be the one to bring him Good Luck
He'll have to pick it up and give it a try.

Born on the wind-swept plains of Kansas
where hard work was the lesson John learned
Feeding cattle, plowing wheat fields, fourteen hour days
That "Luck" was well earned.

Lest you think that his life was all work and no play,
Baseball, football, sports saved the day
Jumping off garage roofs, driving a tractor as two
Sonny and Timmy could always find things to do.

It was on to Hutchison for his junior college days
Where certain feats were soon to amaze

As the Kansas Pancake Eating Champ he gained fame.

But to Austin to be a Longhorn he was bound
Dear friends (and a wife) were there to be found.
And he and Nancy soon settled down
Eventually making Austin their hometown

with Nathan he earned the name of Dad
Hunting and fishing were soon the fad
And watching lacrosse games morning and noon
Nathan even got John to wear Aggie maroon

When Amy came along John's world really grew
Coaching girls soccer all the fall through,
Slumber parties, dance recitals, trips to the mall
He drove the car and loved it all!

It was in Austin that his calling was fashioned
Building and growing companies was a passion

Cedar Creek and TyRex are close to his heart
The people there are caring, giving and smart.

In recent years his interests have turned
To a project also dear to his heart
Giving back to the community
while giving RecognizeGood a great start.

For 35 years I have had the good fortune
To share life's adventures with John.
When I think of who is really lucky
I would have to say I am the lucky one.

So let's all join in and give a toast
To the man I have always loved most
Happy sixtieth birthday to John
And here's to many more birthdays to come!

Nancy Bosch 7-14-2010