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For nearly 16 years, John has been a member of the Advisory Council for the Hesburgh Libraries.

John and Carol have 12 children: Sue, Mike, Meg, John, Dan, Ann, Kate, Lisa, Tom, Sandra, Vicki, and Teri. They also have 24 grandchildren.

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