



John P Gregersen

June 29, 2014

Gregersen, John P. "Johnny G" age 63, of Mpls passed away peacefully on June 29. Preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Kenneth and Paul; and 1 sister, Susan. Survived by his children, Nicole and Melissa; 4 grandchildren, Tessa, Sadie, Jada and Bailey; 2 sisters, Marien (Bill) Martin and Nancy (Don) Kuethe; nieces and nephews; and close friends. John was a loving father and grandfather, teacher, musician and friend to many. He will be greatly missed. Memorial Gathering Saturday, July 12, 2014 starting at 12:30 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Swanson Chapel 612-529-9691 Lowry at Irving Aves North

Tribute Wall

TI

“ *Tera Iverson lit a candle in memory of John P Gregersen*



Tera Iverson - December 07, 2014 at 03:01 PM

TI

“ *It was an amazing experience being in Gregor's music class. He was an incredible teacher who always gave more than needed and pushed you beyond what you thought you could achieve. I loved being in his class and I know that is shared by many others. My thoughts, love and healing energy to friends, family and students. He will be missed everyday...*

Tera Iverson - December 07, 2014 at 03:00 PM

PY

“ *He is the best band teacher in the whole entire world!!!! He was hardworking, cared for all of his students, and went his out of his way to make sure everything went right. I loved his song choice during my years at Washington Junior High. He will be truly missed.*

Pang Yang - July 23, 2014 at 11:36 PM

CW

“ I will always remember Mr. Gregersen. His talent and love of music pushed students to strive to their full potential. He was an amazing man that truly put his heart and soul into all that he did. He will live on forever in the memories of all of his students, myself included. Thank you for everything Mr. Gregersen, may you rest in peace.

Cassie Watson

Cassandra Watson - July 10, 2014 at 02:29 PM

JA

“ Me Gregersen was a great man! You will be missed by many, but your love of music and your legacy lives on in the rhythmic beating of our hearts.

jennifer andert - July 09, 2014 at 04:32 PM

YG

“ What an amazing and talented teacher. Brings back so many fun & happy memories for me. He always knew how to encourage you, to be your best. Thank you!



Yolanda G - July 09, 2014 at 03:22 PM

SS

“ Sorry to say *IN WORDS BOTH SIDES OF MY Experience*. Mr. Gregersen was my music teacher at the old building now Well Stone Elementary. We watches many movies studied notes and music. A strong likable sometimes strict man. But that was just to get his point across as the head of the Class. I guess it worked. I am sadden because of a situation in which I stole his music player box to hook up the microphones and other stuff when I was being a thief one night. Bad luck to me I came back to the school again and was caught by police. I believe well deserved justice with a few stitches from the k-9 biting my leg up . I just wanted to tell him and the school sorry. I can only be honest as I serve the Lord now. With more boldness and courage. I do miss our teacher. I just pray his family well beings. God bless the good in America shalom and Sr. John Gregersen you are missed.

samuel stanley - July 09, 2014 at 01:11 AM

SS

I meant both sides.

samuel stanley - July 09, 2014 at 01:13 AM

MB

“ He was one of the finest musicians I had know. So much fun that year. We played so many amazing pieces..to this day I can still play that one..“We didn't start the Fire” by Billy Joel. Oh what memories..thanks for them all.

Martha Bravo - July 08, 2014 at 10:39 PM



Jennifer Erickson

“ *Balloon Release/School Song tomorrow at 1:00 at the NEW Washington Technology Building at 1495 Rice Street. Everyone is invited. Let's send Mr. Gregersen our good bye's in song/cheer.*



Jennifer Erickson - July 08, 2014 at 07:28 PM



M(

“ *Mary Dillard (Farley) lit a candle in memory of John P Gregersen*



Mary Dillard (Farley) - July 08, 2014 at 06:48 PM



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“ *I'am so sad to hear the passing of Mr. Gregersen, He was an awesome band teacher at Washington, He was an awesome Cornet player he would play that when trying to teach us a song or a note.....I remember when I first went to his class....and told him my name and his remark was "another Farley" how many are there? And then there were times when you were caught with gum in your mouth in his class he would make you put that gum on tip of your nose and go stand in a corner....lol lol lol lolnever me of course.....but he sure was amazing teacher and musician.....even though I have graduated in the year 1980.....I can still remember how awesome he was.....and how much he loved his job and the kids..... YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED MR.G<3*

Mary Dillard (Farley) - July 08, 2014 at 06:47 PM



Geraldine Carty

“ Geraldine Carty lit a candle in memory of John P Gregersen



Geraldine Carty - July 08, 2014 at 06:41 PM



Elizabeth Stemig

“ I am so sad that my amazing band director/teacher from Washington Junior High has passed away. He was seriously one of my favorite teachers of all my years in school. He pushed us to do our best every day. He was an amazing musician and band director and teacher. We were an amazing band in 94/95 & 95/96. Only those who attended our concerts would understand. We just clicked...we were so much more than just a school band. I will always treasure those times as a 7th and 8th grader...it was an amazing experience. He made being in band cool. Makes me want to take out that old clarinet again. Mr Gregersen will be missed by many. Condolences to his family.

Elizabeth Stemig - July 08, 2014 at 10:07 AM

KS

“ One of the best most devoted Band teachers filled with so much energy! Prayers and thoughts to he and his family.

kelly Joyc senky - July 08, 2014 at 07:01 AM



Connie Kotzmacher

“ He touched the lives of many! He will be greatly missed!

Connie Kotzmacher - July 08, 2014 at 05:32 AM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayer go out to his family. Amazing teacher that made so many students love music and made being in band cool. He will be greatly missed.

amy bernhagen - July 07, 2014 at 11:02 PM

TI

“ If there is anyone more devoted to teaching music I've not found them. Mr. Gregerson is the reason I went to Washington Jr High. When I was in 6th grade my mom was a teacher at Washington and she told me I had to come hear the band. The first concert I saw changed my life. I know then, unequivocally, that I wanted to play in his band. The energy he brought to the band was inspiring. He not only wanted us to be the best band we could be, he wanted us to know we were the best band. And we DID!

tim - July 07, 2014 at 11:01 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. He was amazing as a band teacher and made me want to continue in music. You will be missed <3

Stephanie Becker - July 07, 2014 at 08:47 PM

RG

“ You were the best band teacher and home room teacher you never gave up on your students. You knew my struggle on getting the high notes on my clarinet and you always had patience. You told me not to give up and I didn't. Somehow the trick you showed me on the clarinet worked. Thanks and you will be dearly missed. Rip mr gregerssen. You had an impact on everyone and we will all miss you.

rebecca griese - July 07, 2014 at 08:42 PM

RE

“ Mr. Gregersen was one of the best band teachers I had the chance to work with. He taught me to believe in myself and that I could do anything I set my mind to. And that girls can play whatever instrument we want!! May the memories of all the lives he's touched over the years soften the pain of losing him.

rebecca - July 07, 2014 at 07:57 PM

KC

“ John-thanks for your laughter at after school gatherings! I hope you are at peace and had a full flask.

Kirsten Croone - July 07, 2014 at 07:37 PM

CK

“ You were one of the most memorable teachers I had at Washington Jr High. I was actually just thinking about you the other day. Thank you for all you did for the music program and the students at Wash. May you rest in peace Mr. Gregersen.

Christina Knoche

Christina Knoche - July 07, 2014 at 07:14 PM

MW

“ Mr. G, you made a big impact on me when I was a student at St. Paul Central. You always encouraged me to try harder and that I could do anything I wanted. From marching band, to pep band to getting ready for competition, you always had a smile on your face and ENDLESS energy. You will be missed by all your students as we'll as family and friends. Rest in peace. My thoughts are with your family.

Monica W. - July 07, 2014 at 05:52 PM



Jennifer
Erickson

“ *John, you helped me so much not just at Washington, but when I first came to St Paul to teach band. You loaned Humboldt Jr High instruments and stands. You always had a smile on your face and said "we do it for them" (the kids) the rest of it- can wait. Then when I changed to Washington Technology as the choir teacher, you helped me so much. On Wednesday July 9th- at 1:00 we'll gather (all are welcome) to send the school color balloons and sing the school song one last time for you. We will miss you so much.*

Jennifer

Jennifer Erickson - July 07, 2014 at 04:31 PM



Mai
Lee Yang

“ *Definietly one of the best band teacher by far!!! He will be missed!!*

Mai Lee Yang - July 07, 2014 at 10:40 AM

GR

“ John you were a wonderful friend to Steve and I first met you about 30 years ago. We were all young and raising our kids and you and Pam and Steve and I played Spades together. We always enjoyed listening to you play In the "Mr. Winky" Band. Over the years we shared Graduations Births of Grandchildren and Birthdays. I remember my 50th Surprise Birthday party. You of course were there and you gave me big picture by "Maija". It was beautiful and still hangs in my living room. I will always think of you when I lookat it. You were always such a kind and gentle person and Steve and I will miss your presence in our lives. You were dedicated to your students and music but you were dedicated to your family and grandchildren. Actually you had a great enthusiasm for everything you did whether it was golf music or teaching. You have left an empty space in our lives and a sadness because we will miss you so much. I know you are now in Heaven with God and your suffering has come to an end. For this I'm grateful because you fought the good fight and endured through it all. You never complained you just kept on smiling through life be it good or bad. Rest In Peace John we loved you so very very much and will miss you in so many ways. Thank You for being such a good friend our lives are better for having known you. You will be missed but you will always have a special place in our hearts. Love You Always John. Steve and Grace Rorwick

Grace Rorwick - July 06, 2014 at 01:05 PM



Geraldine Carty

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Geraldine Carty - July 06, 2014 at 12:21 PM



Geraldine
Carty

“ *All of us from Mounds Park Jr. High will miss you, you were the best Band teacher anyone could have, you were my mentor and when we found you with the Mr. Winky Band we had a great time reminiscing about the olden days. You inspired all of us an will never be forgotten. R.I.P. Mr. G*



Geraldine Carty - July 06, 2014 at 12:20 PM

MS

You were the band teacher of two of my daughters at Washington magnet, ashley and gabby soto, and they always told me you were the best teacher they ever had, you always be in our hearts.
Maria Soto

maria soto - July 06, 2014 at 11:46 PM