



John Francis Gurvin

April 8, 2016

John Francis Gurvin, born December 22, 1946 in Longmont Colorado, died April 8, 2016 in Minnesota, the place he called home despite a life spent on the move. His father, a Civil Engineer, moved the family often and John cultivated a lifelong curiosity about new places and people. In 1971, at age 21, he volunteered for the US Army and served his first eighteen month tour in Vietnam. John also served in Panama, South Korea, Thailand, West Germany, Vint Hill Farms, Va, Sioux Falls, SD, Texas, Massachussets and Ft. Hauchuca AZ, where he retired as a Master Sergeant in 1989. He married Anntoinette (Toni) Tegels in 1977. They have two daughters that John considered the greatest accomplishment of his life. John and Toni travelled extensively indulging his joy in visiting new places. He was a kind, loving and giving man, always willing to hear a story and happy to tell a story of his own. John is survived by his wife Toni, daughters Amelia Schultz and Katherine Gurvin, sons-in-law Jeremy Schultz and Scott Hebel, grandson Owen Schultz, brothers Peter Gurvin and George Gurvin, and many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. John is now reunited with his parents, Palmer and Regina Krebsbach Gurvin, sister Anne Jeanne Gurvin and brother Richard Gurvin. Visitation 5-7pm Wednesday. Memorial Service 10:30am Thursday with visitation 1/2 hour prior all at: Washburn-McReavy, Nokomis Park Chapel, 1838 Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis. 612-721-1651. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *John welcomed us when we became neighbors. We knew him to be a kind, friendly, and generous man sharing his tips for life in Arizona and his delicious lemons. We will miss him!*
- David & Katia

David Kelly - April 19, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JA

“ *My fondest memory of John was when he played catch with my son in the backyard. Toni and I watched from the kitchen window. He was a very caring and lovely person. He will be greatly missed.*
- Jacky Lipscomb

Jacky - April 18, 2016 at 08:13 PM

LS

“ *I miss John stopping by to see what I was up to if our garage door was open. He was never too busy to stop. Thought you would enjoy the beautiful cactus flower that bloomed on the day of his funeral in front of your former home on Calle de Baca. He was being remembered.*
Lonnie & Sharyn Johnson



lonnie & sharyn - April 15, 2016 at 05:39 PM

TG

Thank you so much - the picture is beautiful

Toni Gurvin - April 17, 2016 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ 8 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Karen Casale - April 13, 2016 at 11:40 PM

PG

“ *After Glow*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories, I leave behind when day is done.....

by Helen Lowerie Marshall

Mass intention will be said for John at Sacred Heart Church, Adams Minnesota on May 3rd, 2016 With love.....Peter/Jerusha

peter gurvin - April 13, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Gurvin.*



April 13, 2016 at 01:39 AM

GM

“ Toni,

I am sorry to hear of your husband, John's, death. My sympathies are with you and your family in your grieving and transition to a life without him.

Gordy Molitor

gordy molitor - April 12, 2016 at 10:02 PM

TN

“ Toni:

Thinking of you.

Sorry about your husband, who sounds like a very interesting man whom I would like to have met.

Tom Nordby

Tom Nordby - April 12, 2016 at 03:07 PM

HS

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to you and your family, Toni. At this difficult time, I hope the love and support of your family and friends bring you comfort. Cherish the memories...*

Helen Smith Stone, Class of '68

Helen Smith Stone - April 12, 2016 at 02:54 PM

MA

“ *Sending you care and comfort Toni, during this difficult time with the loss of your husband. Prayers of peace and love always,*

Marti Klapprodt Nelson, Class of '68



Marti - April 12, 2016 at 02:15 PM

OP

“ I'm so sorry for you lost Toni, if you need anything please let me know.

Otis Prince

otis prince - April 12, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Francis Gurvin.



April 12, 2016 at 12:08 PM

CW

“ Toni and family, I am so very very sorry for your loss. It is still fresh in my mind losing my husband a little over two years ago. It definitely is not easy. I am here if you need me and I am sending prayers of comfort to your family. Char (Young) Wade.

Char Wade - April 11, 2016 at 11:58 PM

TG

Thank you, Char. Friends are getting us through

Toni Gurvin - April 12, 2016 at 10:07 AM

GT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Greg Tegels - April 11, 2016 at 09:22 PM

LB

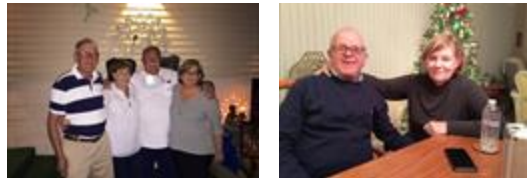
“ *Our hearts are broken that our dear friend is gone. John was a funny gentle man. Loved all of his stories of their travels and always giving us ideas for great places to go. One thing we will surely miss is his excitement he showed every time he came over to see our Pup Nitro. John loved him & Nitro loved John the same. We will miss him for sure. We are Praying everyday for you all. We Love & miss you guys already. Love Randy, Liz & Nitro*



Liz Berry - April 11, 2016 at 07:38 PM

SG

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Sherry Grant - April 11, 2016 at 07:08 PM

SG

“ We will think of John often. We have many happy memories and will fondly recall the good times we were fortunate enough to share with John and Toni. His gentle spirit, insight, thoughtfulness and quirky laugh will come back to us when we chat with Toni, dine out, travel, or play Mexican Train. I will miss John's calls to let me know what great sales were on at the grocery stores each week. Gary and John shared a passion for trying new brands of beers now and again. Meeting at DeFalco's in Scottsdale for a quick lunch once or twice each month was a treat. John enjoyed playing the slot machines, but he put us all to shame with his wins every time as we walked away in frustration.

Although John did not get to finish his own stories often, as his embellishments took longer than Toni could bear....(-: his stories live on in the lives of his great family and the friends gathered over his lifetime.

He was a good man who is gone far too soon.

Our deepest sympathies and wishes for blessings & peace to Toni, Amelia, Katie, and to all of John's family and friends.

Love,
Gary & Sherry Grant

Sherry Grant - April 11, 2016 at 06:52 PM

CS

“ Toni and family,

Please accept my condolences for John's passing. I met him briefly and immediately recognized what a remarkable person he was. I really wished I had spent more time building a relationship with you both.

I started working from home and somehow time stood still for me. I always looked forward to seeing you at work and sending my regards to John not knowing that he wasn't in good health once more and that you both were moving to Minnesota. I wish I could be there for you.

May God bless John, you and the rest of the family and I will forever keep you both in my thoughts and prayers.

Carlos and Jennifer Santiago

Carlos Santiago - April 11, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of John Francis Gurvin.*



April 11, 2016 at 05:08 PM

MC

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Matt Casale - April 11, 2016 at 02:48 PM