



## John Petters

March 18, 2004

Petters John Thomas, age 21. Full funeral notice will appear on Friday. Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 Noon Monday, March 22 at the Basilica of St. Mary, Mpls. Visitation 4-7 PM Sunday at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel W. 50th St. @ Hwy 100 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

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*It has been nearly two years since you left us and commenced the transition into Heaven. You have never, ever been out of my thoughts and prayers nor will you ever be.*

*Your peaceful interventions into our lives have been a source of healing. Like your time on Earth, you have built a network in Heaven that has enabled you to reach out and touch your loved ones and friends.*

*The happiest times in my life occur when I experience ..... with certainty ..... your unmistakable presence. Thank you for looking after your dear sister Jennifer, your Dad, and me.*

*God bless you, dear and precious John. We will be together again.*

*With a Mother's love,*

*Your Mom*

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*Jamie Hagan,*

*Naples, Florida*

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**Jamie Hagan** - March 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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*Kirsten and Chris Christopherson,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

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**Kirsten and Chris Christopherson** - August 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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~Miranda

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Miranda Carden,

Mobile, Alabama

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**Miranda Carden** - June 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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Know that you are missed and that you always will be. We are in pain everyday, but we know that you are watching over us, giving us a subtle message every now and then to confirm that you have been comfortably and warmly welcomed into Heaven. You have no doubt established a network that has no limits. I don't know when we will see you again, but we will treasure the moment whenever it comes. All of the humanitarian endeavors which you so nobly imagined while on earth will become reality through the living Foundation in your name. God will continue to bless you through eternity. We close with the signature that only you will remember.  
Love, Grandmother and Grandfather Hagan*

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**John and Karleen Hagan** - June 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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*Sincerely, Gina Thoele*

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*Gina Thoele,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Gina Thoele** - March 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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Jenny and I were talking the other day and thought a good way to think of John at this point in time was as this. John loved to travel and go on all these amazing adventures that took him around the world. And now John has gone on another one of those adventures, but we just won't be able to see him for a little while longer than normal. He is on the best trip that we can only dream about, but some day we'll meet up with him again and he'll be there with open arms and ready to show us the ropes of heaven.  
John was surrounded by an amazing family. He was able to live his life because of his loving and giving parents and enjoy it with his sister Jennifer.  
I'm thankful for the gift of friendship and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you guys! Saara  
P.S. Thanks John for the most unforgettable summer last year. We will cherish the memories.

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"It's not the amount of years you've lived, its the life in those years that matter." John was one that lived for every moment....

He was in the company of one of my best friends in the entire world that night and I hear her pain, please be safe.

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*Melissa Bohlig,*

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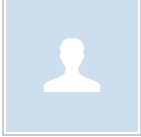
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