



## John Spurgeon

October 2, 1966 - September 27, 2020

John Joseph Spurgeon, 53, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 27, 2020. John was born in San Francisco, California, to Larry and Mary Spurgeon. He is survived by his mother, Mary Spurgeon (née Coyle); brothers, Larry (Lori) of New Mexico, Mike (Martha) and Paul of Topeka; and nieces, Erin and Megan of New Mexico. John was preceded in death by his father, L.T. Spurgeon Jr.

John attended Topeka Public Schools and graduated from Topeka West High School in 1985. After high school, John worked for several local employers including St. Francis Hospital and Reser's Fine Foods. John enjoyed community involvement through associations like the Topeka Junior Chamber of Commerce and various church groups--as well as fishing and building RC airplanes.

Services for John will be planned after the pandemic.

# Comments

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you i weNt to sschool with him my bother in law david strobel might have worked with him Resers.



**Roy condley** - October 06, 2020 at 03:28 AM

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“ I am sure that John will be missed by many. John had a way to get in your heart. He had moments of humor, but he also had a serious side, and was very dedicated to people and things that he cared about. The more recent years, has been “ Forever in Overalls”. John, you are among those “Gone too soon!”

John liked to walk, John also liked to pull out his BBQ grill and grill some food. He enjoyed going to many activities and had an unforgettable smile that came from inside and lit up his face and eyes.

**Nancy** - October 04, 2020 at 12:14 AM

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“ John, we will miss your humor and smile at our meetings. You added a lot as a member of our group. You were always teasing in the most humorous way. I will miss you and I plan on meeting you again in the future.

**Nila Miller** - October 02, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ I will miss us teasing each other at our Singles group gatherings. Our group will not feel the same without his presence. He will be with us in spirit always!  
Shana Hawkins

**Shana Hawkins** - October 01, 2020 at 09:59 PM

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“ John was one if the best volunteers I worked with through Topeka Jaycees. His sense of humor was great. I still have great memories of him at our annual Haunted House and state quarterly conventions. He will be missed. Rest in piece my friend.

**Gwen Ketter** - September 30, 2020 at 08:49 PM

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“ John was an awesome classmate. He always had a smile and was happy to talk to you. He will be missed.

**Derrick Harbour** - September 30, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ It is with great sorrow to hear that John has passed on, he will be greatly missed. But his memory will live on with you and yours , just think of all the good times you had while he was growing up. The up's and down's , the holiday's, birthday's.

Memories are a wonderful thing. Our Jim has been gone now twelve year's but we still talk about the good/bad Times while he was growing up. It's extremely hard to lose a family member no matter what their age is.

Maybe our Jim will greet John and show him around?

With our deepest sympathy please accept our condolences.

Emmy Lou & Ron Stevens

**ron stevens** - September 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ John was possibly the sweetest guy in the TWHS Class of 1985. No doubt his kindness will be missed.

**Donna Kirk-Swaffar** - September 30, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Such a beautiful soul!! Such a great spirit!!

**harlan harper** - September 30, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ John was one of my best friends in my singles group, He was always cheerful and encouraging. He was also humble and always very nice to me. One of the lights of my life has gone out. May he rest in peace.

**Kathy Kotsch** - October 02, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ I worked with John and he was very kind person. My favorite memory of John.... Shortly after my knee surgery I was struck ironing table clothes and John would thank me everyday. I thought what a kind gesture. I will keep his family and friends in prayer

**Gail Cheatham** - September 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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“ I met John through the Topeka Jaycees. I have many great memories of John when we were in the Jaycees together. He was always willing to help do anything he could and was always good for a laugh. His favorite joke to play on people was to say "your shoe is untied". We would run into each other occasionally when I would be visiting family and friends in Topeka. He will be missed by many. I pray God's comfort and peace to each of John's family and friends.

**Tammy Demmitt** - September 29, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ Fly high my friend. I am sure you were welcomed home by our Savior. My condolences to your mom, family and friends. Loved your can do attitude.

**Debbie Henning** - September 30, 2020 at 11:07 PM

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“ My name is Trevor. I first started visiting the Spurgeon house when I was a young boy, with my twin brother Joshua. My mother, Martha, was dating John's older brother, Mike(they eventually got Married, and are still happily married today). He was always a happy, playful kinda guy back then. He was quick to pretend wrestle with us, give out noogies, and let us listen over and over to the "Ghostbusters" theme song on his soundtrack, which was an awesome thing for guy to have, according to us back then. And we immediately deemed the song to be our favorite of all time. It was nice of him to entertain a couple of brats like us. Believe me, we were a handful back than. Even still today, when I see anything Ghostbusters related or hear that theme song playing, I think of Uncle John, squeezing the top of my head rapidly, which was his impression of a starving brain-sucker, lol.

**Trevor Rogers** - September 29, 2020 at 04:52 PM