



John Burkardt

July 2, 1945 - August 31, 2009

John A. Burkardt, age 64, of Irving TX passed away at 11:35 p.m. Monday, August 31st, 2009 at Las Colinas Medical Center Emergency room in Irving TX. He was born July 2, 1945 in Mendota, IL to Arthur D. Burkardt and Dorothy C. (Lipps) Burkardt. John was an Operations Manager for over 40 years in the window covering manufacturing business until his retirement. He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Coppell, TX., the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was an Army veteran stationed in Germany during the Vietnam war He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Gilbert, Bob, Don & Dan Burkardt; and seven sisters, Mary and Therese Burkardt, Ruth Van Unnik, Eunice Goy, Carol Twardowski, Irene Moncelle and Sharon Krutsinger. He is survived by his daughter, Jenifer Burkardt of Tampa, FL, and his son, Jared Burkardt of Fort Myers, FL; five brothers, Charles (Lola) Burkardt of Compton, IL., Bill (Beverly) Burkardt of Polo, IL., Roger (Pat) Burkardt of Vista, CA., Ed (Judi) Burkardt of Mendota, IL., and Tom (MaryLou) Burkardt of Dixon, IL.; four sisters, Eileen Johannes and Rita Ray, both of Dixon, IL., and Jane (Joe) Harris and Marilyn (Rod) Carls, both of Peoria, IL. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, and friends as well as his beloved cats, Harry & Leona. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM in the church. A memorial has been

established. Funeral arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Burkardt*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Burkardt*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Your family will truly miss you in thier midst, but your memory will always keep them smiling and loving and close. This is from Tolstoy, and speaks volumes of the Burkardt family bonds that we have witnessed in the years of our friendship with Rita and others. "Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract their grief and heals them". -- Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and difficult time.*

Rob & Candy Roath & Family - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jenifer and Family,
Paul and I extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of your father. We hope that your fond memories of him will help you through this most difficult time.
We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Pat Phillips - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To All of John's Family,

I'm so very sorry to learn of your loss. I had the privilege of knowing John when he worked at HDNE. I don't have the memories that you do but still have memories. Through all of you John will continue to live on.

Please know that he is in a better place now and awaits your arrival when your own missions on this realm are complete.

If you feel a warm breeze caress your brow, hear a bird that appears to be singing only to you, a butterfly fluttering close to you, see a beautiful unexpected rainbow, or a shiny star brighter than any other, please know that it is John letting you know that he is alright. I know he was a "star" to all of you but he's a "Star" in someone else's sky now.

May GOD give All of you the Love, Strength, and Courage to move forward.

Please keep your faith fore it's your faith that will help you through this sorrowful time.

GOD Bless.

*In Light & Love,
Sheila A. Wilt
swilt@mindspring.com*

Sheila A. Wilt - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Jenifer,
I cannot tell you how sorry I was to hear about your dad. I was shocked and saddened by the news. Please extend our sympathy to your family. I never got the chance to meet John, but by the looks of his picture and knowing what a great person you are, he had to have been a great man.

Luis & Minette Montesinos - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Jenifer,
My most heartfelt sympathy to you and your entire family at this most difficult time. Celebrate his life and find peace and comfort in the loving memories you have of your dad. I know he was very special to you and to all those whose lives he touched.

*Love,
Shar*

Shar Kraycik - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jenifer, *I cannot tell you how sorry I was to hear about your dad. I was shocked and saddened by the news. I was fortunate enough to have worked with your Dad and he taught me alot about customer service, it was his passion. My deepest sympathy for you and your family.*

Chuck

Chuck French - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jenifer,

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your dad. My heartfelt prayers go out to you and your family through this most difficult time. I had the pleasure of knowing him for many of years. He was a great inspiration in my life in many of ways.
Crystal

Crystal Addington - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so terribly sorry for you loss. John will be greatly missed.

Deb

Debby Fannin - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ John wasn't my boss for very long before he moved to Texas, but I did enjoy working for him - we seemed to get along quite well. I remember one day he offered me some pineapple he had brought in. I asked him "fresh" or "canned", and he just looked at me like "fresh, of course"! which I agreed totally that "what else is there?", and we had a laugh together. He was very nice to me, which I appreciated because I was the "new kid" on the block. As a cat owner and lover myself, I hope a good, loving home will be found for his little companions.

Sheri Nicol - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My sympathy goes out to the family. John was a pleasure to work with when I first came to Hunter Douglas NorthEast.*

I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers!

Shelley Sweitzer - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *I am deeply saddened by your passing, JB, and often think of you and the great times we had while you were in Cumberland. I fondly remember Harry and Leona from the Ft. Ashby farm, where we had many splendid meals and wonderful times with Roger and Cheryl Brown.*

Rest in peace. I bid you a fond farewell.

Molly

Molly Tierney - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *I remember Harry and Leona, and I had a smile when I read their mention in your obituary. I have some great memories of you - sharing great food and lots of laughs at Hunter Douglas Frostburg and Cumberland - and more. John Burkardt stories still make the rounds, and we all never fail to smile or laugh. Thanks for the fun. Farewell.*

Lisa McIndoe - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the family.*

Monica Brooks - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ You were adventurous and always had a smile on your face. God Bless you and rest in peace. My prayers are with you and your family.

Jim Buser - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Thoughts and prayers with the family during this time of sorrow.

Ron Moncelle Family - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I had the pleasure of working with John at the Hunter Douglas Fabrication plant in Cumberland, MD. He was a very caring and energetic person. I first met John during the new computer system change for Hunter Douglas. John was our trainer and everything was about "keep on smiling". We had a pack of post it note smiley faces and I laminated mine to tape to my computer to remind me to keep smiling. It is still hanging on my goals poster above my desk. John would make generous donations to support my mother when she walked in the annual local fundraiser CROP WALK - Walk for Hunger". My mother had often asked about John because he supported her efforts every year. My fondest memory of John was during the summer months when cherries were in season, John had made friends with the local supermarket product department and they would let him in the back of the store where they kept the fresh produce. John would pick through the bing cherries or the ranier cherries so he could get the "best of the crop" and he would bring them to me at work. John also gave me a hand full of worry stones that have smiley faces on them. I still keep those stones on my desk. John was a kind-hearted, generous man and will be sadly missed.

Robyn Meeks - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Jenifer, Jared, & family*
My deepest sympathy goes out to you and the family.
John was a close and dear friend to me
for several years. He made me cry and he made me laugh! John will
be missed by all who knew him and will always hold a special place
in our memories.
My prayers are with you!

Doris Meador - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I am deeply saddened by John's passing and want to extend my*
deepest sympathy to his family and friends. I had the opportunity
and pleasure to work with John doing the system change over and
than later as my direct manager. We had some fun times and great
laughs. He truly enjoyed giving to others. He will be missed.

Pam Hook - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ *Think about our WHOLE family often, God bless us all*

Dusty - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Jenifer,
I wanted to share some of my fondest memories of your Dad with you. Your Dad was a wonderful cook! When we would have our sales meetings, he would insist on cooking all the food. Italian sandwiches, salad, his famous meatballs and dessert. Everyone would rave about the food and tell him he should have a catering business. My family loves his famous meatballs and I make them often! I remember a discussion Kimberly and I had with him about the placement of the furniture in the DSM office when we moved to the new Service Center. We wanted it one way and he wanted it another. Guess who won that argument? He had impeccable taste and our Service Center is a testament to that, from the paint colors in every room to the placement of the kitchen appliances. I remember when he took me to see his garden in his backyard. It was fabulous of course! I will remember his keen sense of humor and his wonderful laugh. He really was a "class act"!

Linda Achenbach - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jared, We are so devastated by your father's passing. He was an incredibly kind man who always accepted us as if we were family. We so enjoyed his many visits to Rockford when he'd cook his famous prime rib, asparagus and cheesy cauliflower. He was so much fun and enjoyed meeting new people. I loved that he joined us all in Las Vegas last year! Our prayers and condolences go out to you and your entire family. He will truly be missed. We are always here for you Jared. We love you! *hugs*

The Marzorati Family - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To the family of John,
We were shocked to hear of John's death, he touched so many of us he will be missed by family and friends. Just remember he can rest now. As we all know he was a very hard worker and didn't take much time for himself. When you start to have a tear, he will be giving you his famous hug. God Bless him and his family. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you today and always. May John rest in peace. Good friend...
Ron & Sandy Billy

Ron & Sandy Billy - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ John was one of the best General Managers anyone could have. I worked for him for 5 years in Loves Park on Harlem Road. He was a down to earth kind of boss, he never thought he was better than his employees. May he rest in peace, and I am really sorry for your loss.

Cherise Robbins - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My heart is broken. A great man, a great mentor and a wonderful friend has left us. I will cherish the many memories forever, and JB, I will do my best to continue to "just handle it."
My thoughts and prayer to "my Jen" and to her family.

Cheryl Beedles - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HY

“ We met John when we lived next door to Harold and Kathy Hess in Rockford. We and our son Chris enjoyed many happy times with John at the Hess's pool parties.

After we moved from Rockford we'd see John infrequently, but when we did we were always greeted with a kiss and a hug and always felt his love.

What a good man...he'll be missed by so many.

Harriet and Jerry Youngmark - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Jenifer-
I am so sorry to hear of your father passing. I have fond memories of your relationship with him and visiting with him when you lived in Rockford. I have always admired the respect you carry for him. I am saddened for your entire family during this difficult time. Please know I am thinking of you and would like to provide any kind of support that I can. Please take care of yourself. Love, DL

DL Desmond Krohn - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ John was one of very favorite people. He always had a smile and when he came thru my door at my office - it was all about service. "What can I do for you today". Let's go get a snack - or lunch - or just a cup of coffee. He was always VERY generous. He had a contagious laugh. I loved his personality. He was just fun. We have truly lost a SERVANT'S HEART.

donna frost - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Jennifer and Jared,

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Uncle John was generous, thoughtful and very much fun to be around. He visited us a couple of times over the last year with three Burkardt aunts and I am so glad that we were able to spend some time with him. He kept us laughing and made a delicious peach cobbler.

*God bless,
Angie Hanifin and family*

Angie (Burkardt) Hanifin - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ To: The John Burkardt Family,

We want to express our sympathy and prays to you. We enjoyed our vists with John and also the many times he spent Christmas with us recently. He would always want to help with the cooking as he was such a great chef. We had many laughs and good times whenever he was with us and we will miss him very much.

Our Prayers are with you,

The Howard Kreiser Family

Howard Kreiser Family - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Jared and the family,*

I'm very sorry to hear about your loss. Hang in there. If there is anything I could do, please let me know. My thoughts are with you and the family.

Nella and DJ

Nella Castleberry - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM