



John Francis Fritts

October 16, 1945 - June 20, 2022

John F. Fritts age 76 of Dixon died unexpectedly Monday June 20, 2022 from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born Oct 16, 1945 in Dixon the son of John T. and Frances E. (Prindaville) Fritts. John was a long time farmer, Lee County Board Member, Republican Precinct Committeeman and served as Lee County Treasurer for 24 years. John was a member of the Palmyra Hillbillies 4H club before becoming its leader for 35 years. He was a member of the Lee County Farm Bureau, St Anne Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Dixon Kiwanis Club, Illinois County Treasurer's Association, and the Lee County Council on Aging. John was a long time IHSA sports official in four sports, basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer.

John married Rolinda J. Stachelski on April 12, 1969 in Joliet, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John is survived by his wife Rolinda, children John T. (Tessa) Fritts of Winona, MN, Mark Fritts of Chicago, and three grandchildren Kendra, John and Logan Fritts. He is also survived by his brother David Fritts and sister Jane (Bob) Chambers both of Dixon.

Visitation will be on Friday June 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at St Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, IL. Rosary at 3:30 PM. Mass will be held Saturday, 10:30 AM, at St Anne Catholic Church, followed by Burial at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials have been established to Lee County 4-H and St. Anne Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
1104 N Brinton Ave
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-3131
http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm

Service

JUN 25. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
1104 N Brinton Ave
Dixon, IL 61021
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Francis Fritts*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Francis Fritts*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Dear David, I am so deeply deeply sorry to hear about John's death. My prayers are with you and your family as you grieve this huge loss. Your family and mine have known each other our whole lives. May God give you all comfort in the months ahead. Love, Joanne O'Connor White*

Joanne - July 01, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Ro, condolences to you and your family. I was not around John that much, but when we did run into each other three things always happened. John would give a big old smile and would say how are you doing Dunph followed by a handshake. He was a great guy and will be missed by many who were touched in life by him. Prayers to you Ro and to your family. Dan Dunphy.*

Dan Dunphy - June 25, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Condolences from Rita Wulf*

Marion Younger - June 25, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Sending sincere condolences from Marion (Wilson) Younger*

Marion Younger - June 25, 2022 at 01:22 PM

JR

“ *Rolinda and family, I have so many fond memories of John when we were part of JJC's Agg Supply Program. He was a great guy and will be missed by everyone. Bonnie and I extend you our sympathies and prayers at this time of sorrow.*

Jim and Bonnie Ramseyer

Jim Ramseyer - June 25, 2022 at 10:22 AM

CA

“ *Ro & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. I will always remember John's smile. Anytime I saw John he ALWAYS had a smile on his face. He was always so welcoming, helpful and never forgot to ask how our family was doing. You all have my deepest sympathies during this time.*

Ryan, Cassi, Ava, & Rayden Appelquist

Cassi Appelquist - June 24, 2022 at 05:14 PM

LH

“ *Such a great loss of John. He had a bubbly personality, friendly to all. Farming as neighbors "a few years ago" is when we became friends. Our prayers are with the family.*

Lyle & Sheryl Hopkins - June 24, 2022 at 05:11 PM

LL

“*Rolanda, John, Mark and entire Fritts family. Our condolences for the loss of a great man and friend. We will hold on to the many memories of John as a work associate and mentor on the sports field. He will be missed.*

Sorry we won't be available to attend the services, as we are out of state attending to other family matters. Again, sorry for such a tragic loss.

Larry and Deb LaCoursiere

Larry Debra LaCoursiere - June 24, 2022 at 04:34 PM

TL

“*Technically, Allyson and I would be considered "extended family". In actuality, on the occasions we were able to interact with John, he made us feel as "close family". John was one of the most cordial, considerate and conversational people we have ever met. John had a way of carrying on a dialogue with you picking up right where you left off from the very last conversation you were having with him. What he didn't immediately recall about our family, he honed in his questions about them with great interest and sincerity. He was a person I always looked forward to greeting and catching up with. It seemed we never had enough opportunities for such occasions. His untimely passing is a great loss to all who have known him and we feel that loss deeply.*

We send our deepest condolences to Rolinda, John and Mark and all of his family and friends.

Tony and Allyson Lux

Tony Lux - June 24, 2022 at 04:24 PM

AK

“ I worked with John for many years but my greatest memories of him were on the court officiating and how he would take the time to tell a player what they have done wrong and explain to them. Not many officials took that much interest and care. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ro and family.

Phil and Anna keys



Anna Keys - June 24, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MM

“ My condolences to the Fritts family. John was a good friend to so many, and a true public servant. He was my Little League coach long ago. Also, he helped me understand property ownership.

Mark Maronde - June 24, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.



June 24, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.



June 24, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 24, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Fritts' family. What a legacy! John was a very good official but more importantly, you knew your game was being officiated by a man who always gave his very best and who's integrity could never be questioned. John never officiated or met you in public without taking the time to "catch up" with how things were going. A truly special man with a positive outlook that will be missed greatly.*

John Zick - June 23, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Cindy Williams & family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



Cindy Williams & family - June 23, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 23, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *I'll miss seeing John in church on those rare times we managed to be at the same Mass. Mom (Jane) will also miss knowing he's around making the world a much better place. Andrea and Jane Mills*

Andrea Mills - June 23, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Andrea Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Fritts*



Andrea Mills - June 23, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Brett, Tanya & Winston purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



Brett, Tanya & Winston - June 23, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 23, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Greg, Ryan, Erin Farster & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



Greg, Ryan, Erin Farster & Family - June 23, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *I offer my sincerest sympathies to the Fritts family. John was such a good, good man. Our community is diminished by his untimely passing.*

Jack Schrauth - June 23, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *I first met John at the Quad City Downs race track where my husband and I were on a date. I had never met John before that night but he won and invited everyone from Dixon to breakfast in Rock Falls on the way home. Later I had the pleasure of working for him during a tax season at the treasurers office. He was a pleasure to work for, always happy, and I'm sure will be greatly missed by your family. Our condolences.*

Randy and Karen Tucker

karen Tucker - June 23, 2022 at 09:46 AM

DG

“ John was a wonderful person. One half of the outstanding Cook/Fritts basketball officiating partnership, John officiated me as a high school player, high school coach, and eventually as a fellow referee on the court. He was a "class act."

Dave Gilliland

Dave Gilliland - June 23, 2022 at 08:44 AM

JS

“ John was sincere, he was gracious, he was kind, and lived his faith. We were blessed to know him and call him friend. John left a lasting impression and will be missed. Accept our deepest sympathy and love, Ro, Johnny, Tessa and children, Mark, Dave and Jane and the entire Fritts family.

Jean and Steve Spohn - June 22, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to John's beloved family. The First Congregational UCC church of Lee Center sends condolences and prayers

Cindy Boyenga - June 22, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ We have known John and Rolinda since 1977 and have such fond memories. We are so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He always had the kindest words and the biggest smile that lit up the room. We will never forget him. Rest In Peace John and you are now in the company of angels .

Josie Almassy - June 22, 2022 at 07:50 PM

RS

“ Randy & Lori Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Francis Fritts.



Randy & Lori Smith - June 22, 2022 at 07:46 PM

BM

“ John was a great guy, always willing to help me at tax time. He was a pillar of the community and will be missed. My thoughts are with his family.

Bob Meany - June 22, 2022 at 05:36 PM

MC

“ Matt Cavanaugh purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Francis Fritts.



Matt Cavanaugh - June 22, 2022 at 03:56 PM

CD

“ We've known the Fritts Family (Ed & Nancy and Family) since the mid-1990's from those famous Newman football games. Fast forward to this year, meeting John, with that broad smile, at our Whiteside County Republicans meetings. We were deeply saddened to hear of John's passing and extend our sincere condolences to Rolinda, her children and the entire Fritts Family at this sad time. Peace be with you all.

Chip & Kat Donahue - June 22, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of John. What a wonderful, kind man ...always with a big smile. This is a loss for our community and John will be missed. Your family is in our prayer and on our hearts as you journey through this loss.*

Randy and Cathy Roux - Dixon

Catherine Roux - June 22, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 22, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *With my deepest sympathy to John's family. He was so kind and caring to all who knew him. May God Bless all of you. Sincerely
Judy Althaus*

Judy Althaus - June 22, 2022 at 12:05 PM

BA

“ So very sorry for your loss. We are all praying for Rolinda, Mark, John, David, and Jane ,It was always so nice to enjoy a conversation with John. He had such a great smile and warm personality, made you feel so at ease. Love Beth Anzelmo (Kay's Daughter)

Beth Anzelmo - June 22, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.



June 22, 2022 at 11:49 AM

IF

“ John was a man full of live and so much love for people. The saying if you need something done ask a busy person to help you. Belinda and John were such a great team together living a Life that embodied a true Christine. They walked the walk without a lot of fanfare or attention to themselves but just doing what their heart told them to do. God bless John for all the people he touched and the better world he left behind. He will be missed

isabelle Long Family - June 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Francis Fritts.



June 22, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *The Jerry Gehant Family !!
Sorry for your loss*



Ronda Gehant - June 22, 2022 at 09:21 AM



*John was a true friend and officiating partner for over 40 yrs.
I will truly miss him we generally talked at least once a wk.
He would say checking in to make sure you and Judy are okay.*

Don Cook - June 22, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of John Francis Fritts.*



June 21, 2022 at 11:54 PM