



John Bruce Gabriel

April 14, 1951 - June 17, 2016

John Gabriel passed away Friday, June 17, 2016 at the age of 65. A private service will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 P.M. at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

John was born in Tyler on April 14, 1951, to Bruce and Rosemary Gabriel. He grew up in Tyler and graduated in 1969 from Robert E. Lee High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering December 1972 from Texas A&M, College Station. He was a member of Company F-1 Corps of Cadets. He received his Certificate of Registration to practice as a Professional Engineer on March 31, 1977.

In December 1973, he married his good friend from high school, Barbara Edge. John worked for the city of Garland before returning to Tyler in 1977 to learn the oil and gas business while working with his father-in-law, Bob Edge. He retired in 2011 after 35 years in the oil and gas business.

John served on the Board of the All Saints Episcopal School 1985-87 and as Board President 1987-88. He also served as chairman of the East Texas Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers 1989-1990.

John is survived by his wife Barbara; his son Bob Gabriel and daughter-in-law Lindsey of Houston; his daughter Greer Del Rio and son-in-law Serg of New Braunfels; and grandchildren Madeleine, Preston and Molly Gabriel and Blythe Del Rio. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Debby and Tony Lomando of Las Vegas; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Carol and Jack

Langston of Tyler; and mother-in-law Norma Edge Halfpenny of Tyler.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Pets Fur People
1823 County Rd 386 Tyler 75708 or SPCA of East Texas (903-596-7722) P.O.
Box 132899 Tyler 75713 or charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ *Jena Barrett Judd lit a candle in memory of John Bruce Gabriel*



Jena Barrett Judd - June 21, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Bruce Gabriel.*



June 21, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Wickstrom's lit a candle in memory of John Bruce Gabriel*



Wickstrom's - June 20, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ *My condolences to John's family. I know he will be missed. Very few people remain that know that he was named for my father, John Markowitz, who was a dear friend of Bruce and Rosemary. My dad gave blood to John when he was born and got off to a rocky start. Prayers to Barbara and Debby.*

Gay Markowitz Shilling - June 20, 2016 at 06:09 PM

CR

Dear Barbara, I am so very sorry for your loss. We were very best friends in the 6th or 7th grade. I have such fond memories of us spending time together at your house or mine. Your Mom was such a dear. Get in touch with me when you are able. Email: carolyncease@comcast.net. My prayers are with you and your family!
Carolyn Roch

Carolyn Roch - June 20, 2016 at 06:21 PM

EN

“*Dear Barbara,
The Nelsons are praying for comfort for you and your family.
In His Love,
Brad, Elaine, Reagan, and Landry*

Elaine Nelson - June 20, 2016 at 02:47 PM

JU

“*Judy and Steve Uzzell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Bruce Gabriel.*



Judy and Steve Uzzell - June 20, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“*Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Bruce Gabriel.*



June 20, 2016 at 12:52 AM

SN

“ Barbara~~I am so very sorry to learn of the passing of John. Have so many memories of time spent in our neighborhood and the happiness that was always surrounding your house. May God's grace be with you and your family at this time and in the days ahead. He was a good man and one I value knowing. God Bless

Susan Norvell - June 19, 2016 at 04:28 PM

SB

“ Barbara, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You have been such an inspiration to me. May God comfort you & bring you peace at this difficult time. Love you sweet friend, Susan Baldrige

Susan Baldrige - June 19, 2016 at 02:39 PM

GM

“ I have known John since elementary school. In those early days John was very quiet and absolutely brilliant with his school work. John passed all tests with high marks. He was often the first to finish a test.

During the seventies John called my small office machines business to inquire about a programmable calculator. This type of calculator would have been very rare if they existed at all. I could not provide such a device but his forward thinking made a huge impression me.

Gene McKnight

Gene McKnight - June 19, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Bruce Gabriel.*



June 19, 2016 at 12:09 PM



“ *I would like to say my condolences to you all, prayers your way!!*

Olmos Family



Aurora Olmos - June 18, 2016 at 05:53 PM



Thank you so much for your love and prayers Aurora, Junior, Kirsten, Nathan, and Kalem!

Greer - June 19, 2016 at 12:32 AM



“ *Barbara, thinking of you. Cindy archer Benson*

cindy archer benson - June 18, 2016 at 03:56 PM

LH

“ Barbara,

I knew John since junior high..we lived in the same neighborhood. Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great guy. My prayer's are with you.

Lex Hart

Lex Hart - June 18, 2016 at 03:42 PM

TJ

Barbara

My prayers are with you and Bob and Greer and your whole family. Lots of love. Tina

Tina Johnson - June 18, 2016 at 04:43 PM

BD

John was a good friend in high school, as we found reasons to slide out of our science classes early on Friday afternoons. Riding across the back roads of East Texas with the windows down in his Mustang and singing loudly along with Three Dog Night to "Jeremiah Was a Bull Frog", left me with many wonderful memories to this day. Fortunately, that friendship was never extinguished throughout the years, allowing me to share good, old memories and to make new memories with him and Barbara over the last few years. He will be greatly missed.
Bruce Daugherty

Bruce Daugherty - June 18, 2016 at 04:55 PM

HW

Barbara, So sorry for the loss of your husband, may God comfort you during this time. Hugh Welch

Hugh Welch - June 18, 2016 at 06:11 PM

GW

I pray for John Bruce to be with God and the family gone before--Bruce Jr., Big Bruce, Rosemary, Alice, Verna, Mrs. Gehring.. May we the family find peace. God be with you Barbara. Aunt Gail

Gail Wickstrom - June 19, 2016 at 08:03 AM

RH

Bob, I enjoyed knowing your Dad and the great times we had when he came to Houston. I know he was proud of you. You, your mother and sister are in my prayers.

Ryan Harkey

Ryan Harkey - June 20, 2016 at 10:49 AM

MR

Barbara:

So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mark Rodgers

Mark Rodgers - June 21, 2016 at 11:57 AM

BB

John was a grade behind me at Robert E. Lee HS and though I didn't know all that many of the guys in his class, he stood out as a fine, funny, and very bright individual. It was my privilege to cross paths with him! I'm confident he became a fine man, husband, father, and grandfather. My most sincere condolences to his family and friends as I know his loss will leave an empty space that only John could fill.

Bill Bowers - June 23, 2016 at 04:11 PM