



John David Gridley

February 20, 1951 - June 18, 2019

John David Gridley "Grid", 68, a lifelong Rushville resident, passed away June 18, 2019 in Rushville. John was born February 20, 1951 in Rushville to James Oliver & Virginia (Popp) Gridley, both deceased. John was a 1969 graduate of Rushville High School. John served in the US Army.

He was married in 1973 to Jeanmarie Benedict. She & John were married for 26 years and she survives. John married Deborah Sue (Multner) Blom on September 7, 2002 and she preceded him in death on March 21, 2010.

John had owned & operated Gridley Interior/Exterior Painting since 1976, prior to this he owned & operated Gridley Music Store in 2 locations.

He was a member of Main Street Christian Church, President of the RHS/RCHS Alumni Association, past president and board member of the Rushville Parks Department and had served on the council of the Rushville Boys & Girls Club.

John enjoyed hydroplane boat racing and had attended the Madison Regatta for a consecutive 59 years. He enjoyed CB radio, was a HAM radio operator and operated remote control airplanes. His love of music found him spending a lot of time at the Rushville Amphitheater during the concert series.

He is survived by his daughter, Anna "Huggy" Gridley & her husband Noah Gabbard of Rushville, a son-in-law, James Becketl of Indianapolis, a sister, Mary Jo (Verlin) Custer of Rush County, a brother, Jim (Charlotte) Gridley of Greenwood and his grandchildren, Addyson "A.R." Lanane, Kaiden "Frank" Gabbard, Tess "Gladys" Becketl, Kinsley "Chocolate pickles" Gabbard, Nolan

"Bob" Becketl and Piper Becketl. John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a daughter, Laura Becketl.

A Celebration of life will be held for John on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 1 PM in Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Friends are welcome to visit the family at the mortuary on Saturday from 11 AM until time of the Celebration. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the RHS/RCHS Alumni Association, RCCF or to the Pheo Para Alliance.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *John David Gridley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mary Jester lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley*



Mary Jester - June 22, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *John was the grandfather of Addyson A. R. Lanane and our grand daughter also. He was a great man! Very proud of his heritage and loved his family immensely! RIP John. You will be dearly missed.*

Mary Jester - June 22, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Donald J Rolfe lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley*



Donald J Rolfe - June 20, 2019 at 09:02 PM

EH

“ Emily Hensley lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Emily Hensley - June 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ I first met John at Memorial Park back in the day. I'm guessing I was somewhere around 12 to 14 yrs. old and John, being six years older than me, seemed to always be at the park playing ball and what seemed to be John's favorite, wiffle ball. Years passed by and John & I later served on the Park's Board together. Many more years pass by and I contact John about some painting and we seemed to pick-up where we left off! Like the one graphic on your truck where you are sportin' wings... Fly High John! RIP



Greg Raika - June 20, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Greg Raika - June 20, 2019 at 04:06 PM

BH

“ To Anna and family. So sorry to hear of John's passing. We will miss running into him at Pizza King. I always thought it was so sweet that he would spend his lunch time with you.

Bill & Beth Holman



BillBeth Holman - June 20, 2019 at 09:42 AM



Ann, I remembered when I first worked with dad as a painter he showed me a lot about painting, he was funny and just loved his family.. he loved listen to Neil diamond every .. I will keep you all in my prayers God Bless you all †

Diana Taylor Ketchum - June 20, 2019 at 03:10 PM

RM

“ We had a lot of fun with John in "Channel 34" CB group. John had many ideas and tricks up his sleeve. So sorry for your loss. Prayers going out for the entire family!



Rhonda Maupin - June 20, 2019 at 07:48 AM

TH

“ Tony Horn lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Tony Horn - June 20, 2019 at 05:49 AM

MG

“ John and I had so many wonderful times together. He hated it that I could beat him at leg wrestling! His one and only attempt to teach me how to drive a stick shift resulted in a long walk back to Rushville from Pioneer Corn and an embarrassing rescue by my irate Dad. I treasure my memories of John, and I extend my sincere condolences to his family and close friends. He was an original, and he will be missed!

Marlesa Gray - June 19, 2019 at 10:55 PM

TC

“ *Tops Home Center lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley*



Tops Home Center - June 19, 2019 at 10:09 PM

MM

“ *Mary Mansfield lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley*



Mary Mansfield - June 19, 2019 at 09:34 PM

AP

“ *Amelia Perkins lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley*



Amelia Perkins - June 19, 2019 at 09:00 PM

AP

Peace, joy, and love

Amelia Perkins - June 19, 2019 at 09:01 PM

DG

“ Dave & Karen Garau lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Dave & Karen Garau - June 19, 2019 at 07:38 PM

CB

“ John and I loved sharing IU stories about his Dad and Jack. John was always so chipper - will be missed.



Cinda Brown - June 19, 2019 at 06:38 PM

RD

“ John and I first met in 1st. grade at Belle Gregg School on N. Jackson St. Been friends ever since. We enjoyed communicating over the radio waves and trying to outfly each other with the RC planes. Both of us spent too much time and money on both. I will miss his smile and keen wit tempered with a sense of humor. 62 years of friendship is now but a memory but one that will live on in my heart. Rest in peace my friend.



Roger Dice - June 19, 2019 at 06:26 PM

SB

“ Anna-So sorry for your loss. John was a good friend to me and my late husband Jimmy who he graduated with and was in the CB club together. Prayers to you and family.
Sue Barnes

Sue Barnes - June 19, 2019 at 06:16 PM

CN

“ Prayers and comfort for all of you.



Cyndie Nall - June 19, 2019 at 06:01 PM

MN

“ David & Monica Newman



Monica Newman - June 19, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ Karen Gordon lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Karen Gordon - June 19, 2019 at 05:13 PM

SR

“ Sue Ross lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Sue Ross - June 19, 2019 at 04:21 PM

PG

“ Penny Goins lit a candle in memory of John David Gridley



Penny Goins - June 19, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ One of John's favorite stories he had to tell me every time he saw me was when we were in grade school was when I fell down the steps a Belle Graig school and hit the wall and slid down like a cartoon character. He loved to tell that to who ever I was with. A great guy and fun person to grow up with. God bless you John you will be missed

Jim Cress - June 19, 2019 at 03:56 PM

JH

“ Fly high Johnny Dream Boat



Janifer Hornaday - June 19, 2019 at 02:41 PM