



John Carl Cronk

March 18, 1977 - September 4, 2016

John Carl Cronk passed at the young age of 39 after an 11 month battle with cancer. But cancer did not win; instead Heaven won when he gained his wings and became the guardian angel of his greatest loves, his precious children.

John adored his family and was a loving son, husband, father, brother and friend to anyone who knew him. John also had a passionate love of music and was a talented guitarist and drummer, playing in multiple bands during his life. He loved rooting for his NY Yankees and NY Giants, searching for classic records and quoting Seinfeld episodes.

John was thankful for his “dream job” as an IT Specialist with the Health Services Agency of Stanislaus County. He enjoyed every day of his 10 plus years of employment and the countless friendships he made there.

John leaves behind his wife, Deanna Cronk; his daughter, Riley Cronk; his son, Rowan Cronk; his parents, John & Diane Cronk; and sister, Jessica Cronk.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl & Rita Cronk, Joseph & Marie Barrett and cousin, James Ballard.

The family invites all who loved John to celebrate his life on Saturday, September 17th at 10:30 a.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd, Turlock, CA. An outdoor lunch reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, John’s wish was to have donations made in his name and honor to the Alexander Cohen Hospice House, 2201 Euclid Ave, Hughson 95326.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 10:30 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Reception

SEP 17. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Carl Cronk*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I never had the privilege of meeting John, but it sounds like he lived a full and wonderful life and I am sure that he has left wonderful memories for you to look back on. As you reflect on your loss, please take comfort in the scripture at 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17. May God strengthen you and bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

JG - September 28, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of John Carl Cronk.*



September 16, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Carl Cronk.*



September 14, 2016 at 05:07 PM

SB

“ I will always remember you as my little blonde haired cousin with the big smile called John John. I was sad when you moved to Arizona because I wouldn't be able to see you all the time. But between my visits to AZ and your visits back to NY I was able to see you grow into this kind, gentle amazing young man. When we saw each other it was like time didn't pass. We laughed, we cried and we made fun of MeMa like usual.

The greatest news was when you became a Dad. You are an amazing father! Facebook / Instagram gave us the opportunity to watch you in action with your family since we lived so far apart. Your eyes lit up every time you were with Riley and Rowan.

One of my favorite memories was when we all went to Yankee Stadium (see picture of Riley and Justin).

I'm not saying goodbye.....it's until we meet again.....love you!

Love Shelley



Shelley Braunfotel - September 14, 2016 at 11:40 AM

RE

“ Robert and Frederick Miller, Future Electronics purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Carl Cronk.



Robert and Frederick Miller, Future Electronics - September 14, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Carl Cronk.



September 13, 2016 at 04:41 PM

MG

“ The first time I saw John, he was up on stage in leather pants and a furry cheetah print hat. He was probably the only 6'4 guy that could pull that look off! But, what really made him cool was the way he played the guitar. As I got to know John better, it became clear that he was just a big teddy bear underneath all that "glamorous rock star" stuff. I thought it was sweet that he loved his mom's spaghetti, but it made me crazy when he'd order chicken fingers off the kid's menu at Mexican restaurants:) I admired the way that John stayed true to himself regardless of what anyone else thought. He knew how to have a good time without doing the stupid things that most other 23 year-olds we knew were doing. I loved watching his band play at The Steel Horse, and everytime I hear, "The Boys are Back in Town" I smile. John loved sharing his music and his enthusiasm for it was infectious. I still have some of the mix cds he made including, of course, The Marvelous 3. He always told me that he loved them because they were "just so catchy." We went to what seems like a million concerts, but John was okay just staying home and hanging out with my daughter, Brie, too. That's why I know he must have been an amazing father. The world is just a better place because of John Cronk. He will be forever in the hearts of anyone that knew him.



Mindy Grizzell - September 11, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Carl Cronk.*



September 11, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *John how many times you fixed my PC in the CBO even having to take the whole tower and replace it later asking me....Did you have anything on the desk top you need cause I really don't want to have to try to save it. How could I tell you only my country music :-) will miss you in the billing office just shaking your head with new requests from management knowing and wanting to say what we all did. Your smile and conversations will be greatly missed. You were taken too soon but now you can be your families personal angel and can keep them safe. RIP dear friend.*

Chris Ross - September 10, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ *I first knew John Cronk when he came to Turlock after he and Deanna had decided to become a couple. He wanted to meet all of us, so we all went to Baker's Square in Modesto for breakfast....there were so many of us they set up 5 or 6 tables to fit us in. I was sitting opposite John, and I told him he was very brave - most of the men who came into the family preferred to put off meeting us as long as possible. I told me he thought we would like to see what we were getting.*

John was an amazing man - it's hard to think of him not being here anymore.

Marci Doron - September 10, 2016 at 11:57 AM

MO

“ *Who knew that when I started working for the county I would gain an amazing friend who turned into more of a brother to me. From the first time we met when you walked into the office to fix one of the computers the sarcastic comments and joking began. You could always tell if something was wrong with me and would always ask if I was Ok and try to cheer me up. Even when you yourself werent well you still made it a point to check in. I will miss our football & baseball trash talking and giving you a hard time everytime I had the chance. You are an amazing man, father, friend who will live on in the hearts of many. You are the example of what more people need to be. Loving, Kind, funny, talented, and mostly stronger than anyone I know. You have a beautiful loving family and many loving friends. We will never forget you. Love you Friend !!!!!*



Monique - September 10, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JA

“ *Joyce Armstrong lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Joyce Armstrong - September 10, 2016 at 05:46 AM

SB

“ Cronkmaster Flash -

As you can tell, you will be missed by SO many of us that were lucky enough to cross paths with you. Your wit, kindness, understanding, and yes, your musical knowledge, will be sorely missed and not replaced. You were a light, smile and kind word so many times when I needed it that I'm not sure you even realized it. I can remember having long conversations in the back hall, conversations that not a lot of people wanted to have. Your care, compassion and willingness to ask me about Justin were so welcomed. I hope you understood how important you were to so many of us, we will miss you but talk about how awesome you were for years to come. Tell my buddy hi, rock on and much love.
- Stephanie Bowers

Stephanie Bowers - September 09, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ John...you were one of the most caring, kindest men I have ever met. Your family and friends meant the world to you and you were always so willing to help someone out. How many times you fixed my home PC when my kids were younger and messed it up...too many to count. I will miss our venting sessions, our "who sings this" times, just seeing your smiling face pop in my office door asking "What's up?". Each year on our birthday I will make a second wish in your honor. I will truly miss you and am honored to call you my friend...RIP my friend.

Gwen Roberts - September 09, 2016 at 12:47 AM

GL

“ Gloria lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk



Gloria - September 08, 2016 at 06:38 AM

Laura Hernandez

“ I remember him always talking to me of his first born and how exited he was At that time i was pregnant of my second child! He would always ask me how i was doing and how his wife was doing. I can say that he was exited to be a dad. God has taken a angel to watch over his children and wife. My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek.

Laura Hernandez - September 07, 2016 at 11:25 PM

JD

“ Jenny Desousa lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk



Jenny Desousa - September 07, 2016 at 07:48 PM

JH

“ JoAnn Henley lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk



JoAnn Henley - September 07, 2016 at 04:24 PM

JH

“ *JoAnn Henley lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



JoAnn Henley - September 07, 2016 at 04:20 PM

JD

“ *Although we hadn't spoken in a while, the time that I had with you and your family during our younger years were some of the most influential of my life. You introduced me to baseball in the 100 degree heat, your mom introduced me to tuna fish for lunch at your house, and of course all the Rock & Roll my ears could handle. In the case that your wife and children did not already know, you are one of the greatest people that I was part of my life.*

*Thank you for allowing me to be your friend
John Davidson and family*

John Davidson - September 07, 2016 at 04:10 PM

 Arcelia Cervantes

“ *Arcelia Cervantes lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Arcelia Cervantes - September 07, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *Arcelia Cervantes lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Arcelia Cervantes - September 07, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ *John it's been a while I miss our golfing and Oakland and Yankee games. I'll be there to celebrate your wonderful life. You touched so many people. Now your wife and kids have a angel to oversee them, protect them and guide them. Gob bless the Cronkite Framily #cronkstrong/ coming from Georgia*

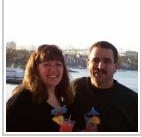
Jose Bedoya - September 07, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Diane Cronk sent a virtual gift in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Diane Cronk - September 07, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ John my friend, you will truly be missed by many. Those of us that you leave behind are all better people for having known you. You will continue to live through the lives that you have touched and the amazing family that will one day be with you again. You were one of the best co-workers ever! You are in a better place now and pain free. God bless you and your family.

Mary Sherwood

Mary Sherwood - September 07, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ Diane Cronk sent a virtual gift in memory of John Carl Cronk



Diane Cronk - September 07, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ Love you and will always carry you in my heart dear Nephew,Aunt Linda



Linda Cronk Kraemer (Aunt) - September 07, 2016 at 01:16 PM

EK

“ *Evelyne K. sent a virtual gift in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Evelyne K. - September 07, 2016 at 12:45 PM

EK

“ *Evelyne K. lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Evelyne K. - September 07, 2016 at 12:29 PM

EK

“ *Cronk Juice - you will NEVER EVER be forgotten man. You played the role of my big brother when all my older siblings were no where near. I will reminisce and laugh at ALL our good times and conversations about life. Thank you for adding so much positivity and humor around me for SO many years. You made me laugh & cry all the way to the last minute of our time together. You were an amazing dude to so many. Please rest in peace. You will live on through your family and in our hearts, forever. Still can't believe it... I love you so much bro. - E.KAY*



Evelyne K. - September 07, 2016 at 12:29 PM

LZ

“ *Laura Zinck lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



laura zinck - September 07, 2016 at 11:31 AM

LZ

“ *RIP John! You will be sorely missed. Don't have to much fun raising cane with you cousin Jimmy.*

laura zinck - September 07, 2016 at 11:31 AM

DN

“ *Diane Nicolini lit a candle in memory of John Carl Cronk*



Diane Nicolini - September 07, 2016 at 11:29 AM

MA

“ *Rest in peace John.*

Margaret - September 06, 2016 at 10:52 PM