



John Tate Cunningham

April 24, 1958 - May 4, 2012

John died Friday surrounded by family. A dynamic and loving man, John celebrated life and enjoyed it to the fullest. John was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Bertacchi and survived by his wife, Janice Segars, his sister Kathi Cunningham, his stepfather Roy Bertacchi, his two children Stephanie and Zachary and many loving family members and friends.

John was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to California in 1987. Moving from Modesto, John settled down on a ranch in Turlock with his loving wife Janice and made it his home. He enjoyed raising his chickens, tortoises, fish, dogs and cat. He attended Sacred Heart Church. He volunteered at United Samaritans Foundation and participated in many charity events. He also enjoyed scuba diving, music, wine, travel, and sports and cooking for his family. He enjoyed the theater and a variety of social events. At the age of 16, John was the youngest person in Michigan to earn a 1st degree black belt in Judo. He was invited to participate in the 1980 Olympics, and most recently taught Judo at Modesto Junior College.

John was a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial, having started in the financial services industry in 1984.

John enjoyed spending time with his family and wide circle of friends. With an infectious sense of humor and zest for life, John embodied the lesson to enjoy life. Truly missed by all who knew him, his memory will live forever in our hearts.

A viewing will begin held on Thursday, May 10th at Turlock Memorial Park &

Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd. from 1 to 7 pm. The rosary will be at 7 pm. Mass will be held on Friday, May 11th, at 1 pm Sacred Heart Church, 1200 Lyons Avenue in Turlock. Burial to follow at Turlock Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to United Samaritans Foundation, 220 S. Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380 or Animal Services Auxiliary 3647 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358 or an organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Interment

MAY 11. 2:30 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *John Tate Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *To John's family, children and wife my deepest sympathy. John was a good friend always there to help when needed. He had a heart of gold. I will miss his wonderful sense of humor the most. He always knew how to put a smile on your face. I will miss him.*

Diane Smith - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Janice, Stephanie and Zack:*

John was a truly fine man. We always enjoyed working with him on the steering committee for the new gym at Fatima, the various activities at Central, and multiple fundraisers for both schools. He had a heart of gold and a fun-loving spirit. We will truly miss him. We pray that God will comfort all of you during this difficult time. Please accept our heart-felt sympathy for your tremendous loss. May John rest in heavenly peace.

Lori and Jerry Begen - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM