



John M. Wardein

April 24, 1962 - April 19, 2020

Dateline: Edwardsville

John M. Wardein, 57, died at 5:01 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2020 at his home. Born April 24, 1962 in Alton, he was the son of Elaine (Zigrang) Wardein of Godfrey and the late Edward V. Wardein Jr. John worked for Franklin Fixtures in Edwardsville. He married the former Geri Ann Desch. She preceded him in death on December 12, 1995. Along with his mother he is survived by a son, John Wardein (Raquel) of St. Charles, MO, a daughter, Sarah Wardein-Smith (Tyler) of Virginia Beach, VA, five grandchildren, Adelaide, Elouise, Harlowe, Ruby and Henley, a brother, Vincent Wardein (Alison) of Aurora, IL, and a sister, Victoria Gabriel (Dr. David Gabriel) of Austin, TX, nieces and nephews; Geoffrey Koch, Anna McMurry, Elizabeth Gabriel, Katharine Wardein and David Wardein. Along with his father and wife, he was preceded in death by a nephew, Matthew Gabriel. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be private at St. Dominic/St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery in Breese, IL. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Wardein*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John M. Wardein*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My sympathies to John's family. I went to school with John and also remember visiting the pharmacy that his parents owned in North Alton. Rest in Peace!*

Catherine (Goeken) Droste - April 25, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *John was a wonderful person and incredible co-worker. I only knew John for a year at Franklin Fixtures, but he taught me more than I could have possibly imagined. Not only was he one of the nicest people I have ever met, he was an incredibly patient person. He took his time teaching and educating me through the restaurant industry without ever getting frustrated or upset at me. Countless times, John helped me through unfamiliar waters and was truly a great friend, a fantastic teacher, and truly awesome person in every way. He will be sorely missed.*

Bradlee Slusser - April 24, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *He will be missed. He was a wonderful father and friend. Rest In Peace my friend.*

maureen wright - April 22, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ My father Robert Mortland and I send our sympathy for your loss. I was also a classmate of John's graduating in 1980. We are cousins as my maternal grandmother was Helen Zigrang Franke from Batchtown Illinois. Linda Mortland

Linda mortland - April 22, 2020 at 05:29 PM