



John J. Dunlavey

March 30, 1960 - September 19, 2022

John J. Dunlavey, age 62, of Bradley, passed away Monday, September 19, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born March 30, 1960 in Kankakee, the son of William “Bill” & Bonnie L’Ecuyer Dunlavey.

John married Kathleen Mellendorf of March 17, 2020 at Dwight United Methodist Church.

He worked at Joe’s Automotive for many years and served on the Bourbonnais Fire Department. He was a director of Mabas Division 7 Fire Academy.

John enjoyed hunting, camping, and BBQ’s. He was the “family smokemaster” and his salmon and ribs were his family’s favorite. He took special requests for picky eaters and Dublin Coddle in the Fall was the best. If you left his house hungry, it was your own fault.

John was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Dunlavey of Bradley; his children, Jennifer Dunlavey & Ryan Preston of Crete and Stephanie & Dustin White of Bourbonnais; his step-children, Michael Clark & Keja Comet of Colorado, Aaron Mellendorf of Bradley, Ashleigh Mellendorf & Brad Meyer of Villa Park, and Ian & Amy Mellendorf of Braceville; one sister, Barbara Sander of Bourbonnais; three brothers, Doug & Michelle Dunlavey of Kempton, David & Chris Dunlavey of Bourbonnais, Dennis Dunlavey of Bourbonnais; ten grandchildren, Cain John Dean White, Camoryn White, Alexis Riggs,

Caydence White, Kylee Mellendorf, Marley Dunlavey, Hadley Mellendorf, Finley Dunlavey, Cabrey White, Kyomi Clark; one great-grandchild on the way; his special dog, Mavis; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

John is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

A private funeral service will be held with burial to follow at Maternity Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

DM

“ R.i.p. Another great person went home.
Enjoy heaven my friend!



Diane Miller - September 25, 2022 at 01:25 PM

JW

“ Joe Wilkins lit a candle in memory of John J.
Dunlavey



Joe Wilkins - September 25, 2022 at 11:55 AM

NR

“ Oh gosh, where to start?! I have so many memories with John, all of the Dunlavey's are awesome people!!! I have many memories with all of them, John and I pallied around and had gone camping and concerts and backyard fires, whenever I needed a friend John was always there, I don't think John had an enemy out there he was a good guy and would do anything in the world for anybody, he was a great friend and loved his family, go find your family members in heaven and get with Jamie and we all will see you when we get there 😊 love ya buddy!! Nicole

Nicole Rasmussen - September 24, 2022 at 02:52 PM

RJ

“ We didn't know John that well but we knew & loved Kathy . Her love for John was unconditional & she will truly miss him. Our deepest sympathy to Kathy & her family.

Randall & Judy - September 24, 2022 at 09:05 AM

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace

Beth & Dennis Bisailon - September 21, 2022 at 07:46 PM

PH

this is a shocker ! john was a great guy and very likable and fun ! last time we seen him was at mac and Frankies and he was with his brother about noon i worked at fisher auto parts and dealt with him a lot when was at Joe,s automotive bless his family and john ! Phil & Cathy Boehm

phil - September 22, 2022 at 04:48 PM

WJ

“ A one of a kind friend. We worked together at Joe's Automotive for years. A great man who will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Fly high, John.



William Jones - September 21, 2022 at 02:04 PM

DD

Thanks Bill he loved you and loved that shop

Dennis Dunlavey - September 21, 2022 at 09:00 PM

DH

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we will continue to lift you and your family in prayer as all of you walk this journey of grief. John always had a smile on his face and was generous with his love. We have some great memories from Lake Point with him and his family. We pray that the Holy Spirit comforts all of you.
Dawn and Scott Hines

Dawn Hines - September 21, 2022 at 12:27 PM

CW

“ My Papa John used to always take me and the other grandkids out to eat every birthday since I could remember. When he lived by Perry Farm, I remember staying at his house on school nights and he would have breakfast made for me in the morning. The days he used to pick me up when I was younger, before school we would get a breakfast sandwich from Burger King or a donut from a little Mexican bakery on Broadway in Bradley. I remember him taking me to see movies in the movie theatre, staying up and watching movies on netflix ordering a pizza from Papa Johns because it wasn't even 2 minutes away. My favorite thing to do growing up was visit him wherever he was working whether it was Joes Automotive or at the fire station. I loved sitting in the fire trucks and honking the super loud horn. Going to the fire station for holidays, especially Christmas, was one of my favorite parts about the fire station. I remember when he lived in Bourbonnais, we would always have family dinners. Extended family would come whether it was for nascar, football, birthday, anniversary, or just a reason for our family to be together. He loved everybody in his presence. I miss Papa like crazy but I know he's watching over me and everybody else he loved. I hope he's living his best life, care free and watching over us to see how loved he was by the entire community. He is and always will be dearly missed.

Camoryn White - September 21, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JK

“ *I am so sorry. He made you so happy. God bless heaven's newest angel. Love Janet and Mike Kennedy*

Janet Kennedy - September 21, 2022 at 08:52 AM

CS

“ *Condolences to the Dunlavey family...very sorry for your loss!*



Chris Simmons - September 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM

CI

“ *Farewell to a brother in fire
Your were a great firefighter,instructor,mentor .
You will be missed by many
Rest well we got it from here*

*Retired Capt.Donald Sipple III
Grissom ARB Fire
DOD Firefighter*

Captain Donald Sipple III - September 20, 2022 at 07:43 PM

GG

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers to the family.*



Gloria and Bill Graham - September 20, 2022 at 04:32 PM

TL

“ To many memories to list them all or remember now Johnny! Born 2 months apart. Raised together like cousins should be! Fun and trouble! Laughs and tears! Always got over the bumps and moved on! Loved you like a brother and so wanted to make our planned road trips! Another bump. Roger would have loved seeing us pull up in Arizona!
I will treasure the 3 years we hung out in the Timmies Alley Tap! Pick a number bro! Lmao Way to many memories in there! Know I loved you and tell our pa hi for me and give Toe toe the finger from TT after you hug her! Always remembered brother!

Tim and Robin L'Ecuyer - September 20, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Jennifer Phillips lit a candle in memory of John J. Dunlavey



Jennifer Phillips - September 20, 2022 at 03:23 PM

BD

“ It was with heavy hearts we know of John's passing. We have only had the pleasure of knowing John for a couple of years, meeting him through our dear friend, his wife, Kathy. In that short time, the visits with him and Kathy made us know that he was a great guy indeed, and it hurts our hearts to know that God called him he so soon. May God comfort all who knew and loved him. Flu high with the Angels in Heaven..... until we meet again. † Barry & Dorothy DeCoste

Barry & Dorothy DeCoste - September 20, 2022 at 03:02 PM