



John J. Gard

October 22, 1947 - January 23, 2017

John J. Gard, age 69, of Bradley, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

John was the son of John & Laura Bollman Gard.

He married Carol A. Granger on June 12, 1982.

John spent much of his life volunteering his time at the Lion's Club and with the Special Olympics. He thoroughly enjoyed traveling to all the swim meets and cheering on the participants.

Everyone enjoyed John's pancakes and French toast that he lovingly cooked every other Sunday morning at the Moose.

John was everyone's "go to guy." He spent many hours making his family and friends happy by sitting around the campfire where they all reminisced and made cherished memories. Camping at KOA, Shafer Lake, and in the beautiful mountains of Tennessee held a special place in his heart.

He bowled on many leagues, but most of all enjoyed his Saturday morning senior league, where they ate donuts, drank coffee, and solved the world problems.

John was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Philippines from 1966-1970.

He had worked at General Color & Equipment and retired from Millipore. He most recently worked as a bus aid at Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School with the special education children that he loved dearly.

Surviving are his wife, Carol A. Gard of Bradley; his children, Judy Mau (Steve

Bisaillon), Jennifer Gard, John Robert (Martha Cook) Gard ; three grandchildren, Cheyenne Mau, Dakota Bisaillon, and Reyna Gard; two nephews, Robert D. Granger and Richard Granger; one niece, Nicole DeLeon McLelland (John Segó); great-nieces, Hope Faith Granger, Evelyn Jo McLelland, Emily Mary McLelland, Carla Granger, Robert James Granger; and special neighbor, Rose Marie Herzog Farthing; one sister and one brother-in-law, Lou & Patty Hurt; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Robert & Irene Granger and Edward & Gloria Granger.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Pam DeLuca Gard; his second wife, Towanda Paradise Gard; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Robert & Alice Granger; his brother, Dean Gard; and one granddaughter, Lynnzie Mae Gard.

And because God called, we sent our “go to guy” off to help St. Peter repair the Pearly Gates.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Kankakee Valley for their excellent care of our loved one.

Visitation will be held 4-8:00 on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 27, 2017 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Cremation Rites will be accorded following the funeral Mass.

Private family inurnment will be held next week at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church
333 St. Joseph Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7683

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Prayers for John's family. He was a high school classmate.

*Karen Jackson Riml
Brunswick, Maine*

Karen Jackson Riml - February 16, 2017 at 04:14 PM

MC

“ Oh man, what a beautiful send off! All of the family and all of your friends love and miss you. The visitation was beautiful and the funeral mass was wonderful. 😊



Martha C - January 27, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and John gard would always have a smile on his face when he happy to see me



Morgen Wydra - January 27, 2017 at 10:41 PM

GG

“ There were many time's in my past that John and Carol were there to help me out and I will never forget that. I pray that God has given him peace and comfort forever. Gloria G.

Gloria Granger - January 27, 2017 at 10:25 AM

GG

“ Gloria Granger lit a candle in memory of John J. Gard



Gloria Granger - January 27, 2017 at 10:03 AM

SP

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the family,i just knew Mr .Gard from working with his son John(@Miller.Stephanie Perry

Stephanie Perry - January 26, 2017 at 01:10 PM

SG

“ Carol and family you have our deepest condolences. What a gentle funny man. We are blessed to have k ow him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Donnie and Suzie Callahan.



Suzie Green-Callahan - January 25, 2017 at 04:14 PM

VD

“ Dear Carol I don't have enough words to tell you how sorry I am. John and I go back a long time. Such a good man. He will be missed. My thoughts prayers and love are with all of you. Virginia



Virginia R Dominick - January 25, 2017 at 03:54 PM

JH

“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of John J. Gard*



Joelene Hays - January 25, 2017 at 03:21 PM

Jennifer Gard

“ *This is my dad didn't get to spend a lot of time with him while I was growing up and my daughter had just started to get to know him when she was little but he didn't stay in her life for her to remember him and I wish I could have more father daughter time it's so soon for him to be gone and I will never forget him cuz no matter what anyone has to say I will always love my dad regardless how I was brought up you only get one set of real parents. I will miss him deeply but at least I know he is with his other granddaughter now and he is with my mom and both my grandmas I LOVE YOU DAD!!!! R.I.P.*

Jennifer Gard - January 25, 2017 at 01:45 PM

JM

I knew John and his first wife Pam many years ago. If I recall correctly they weren't married at the time but dating. My sincerest sympathy to all of his family. May God give you all peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Janet Blatnik Martinez - January 26, 2017 at 07:49 AM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of John J. Gard*



Catherine Jackson - January 25, 2017 at 01:13 PM

GF

“ John was a wonderful resource and always willing help during our days together at Millipore. He also taught me how to put a curve on the bowling ball. John, your friendship will always be appreciated.

George F. - January 25, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ I really enjoyed working with John at the Moose on our breakfast Sundays, he would be one of the first to arrive and start the Prep, He had it down to a science even had special cords for certain appliances with an explanation as to why it had to be., He was a great guy and had nothing but goodness in his heart. Definitely gone to soon,

Ernie Richardson - January 25, 2017 at 08:19 AM

MC

“ His "Poor Man's Spaghetti" threw me for a loop when he first made it for me. Macaroni noodles, ground beef, and Ketchup. There I was just sitting, thinking this family was nuts, it's actually not bad. It was good. 😊

Martha C. - January 25, 2017 at 12:54 AM

MC

“ PUZZLES! John would see that Irene and I were working on a puzzle and he'd come in and join in. It's like the puzzle pieces were just calling his name! 😊

Martha C. - January 25, 2017 at 12:48 AM

MC

“ Sigh... oh that stubborn ol'man wouldn't let me fix anything on my own. He'd wonder what I had planned and Mr. Fix it would just come out and just do the task. He'd just take over and push me aside. That man loved to help.

Martha C. - January 25, 2017 at 12:46 AM

MC

“ He loved me so much he'd make me special Chocolate Chip Mickey Mouse Pancakes at the moose! :-) -daughter-in-law

Martha C. - January 25, 2017 at 12:42 AM