



John P. Kennedy

April 21, 1955 - May 6, 2006

John Kennedy -- Las Vegas John P. Kennedy, 51, of Las Vegas, and son of a Manteno resident, died Saturday (May 6, 2006). A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno, at a later date. Rev. Ed Grotovsky will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church; or to the Christopher Reeve Foundation. Clancy-Gernon-Funeral Home, Manteno, is in charge of arrangements. He was born April 21, 1955, in Evergreen Park, the son of James G. and Ruth P. Kennedy. Surviving are his mother of Manteno; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Kimberly and Eric Robbins, and Kathleen Kennedy-Lambert; six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Thomas Kennedy, David and Bonnie Kennedy, Daniel and Lori Kennedy, James Kennedy, William and Sue Kennedy, and Jeffrey and Jean Kennedy; 21 nieces and nephews; and one great-nephew. His father is deceased.

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“ *I have lost my best friend, and brother. I was more fortunate than most, because I was able to say good bye! John was at my house for his 51st. Birthday and the day after. We played bean bags had a few cold beers and talked about the old days back in Hazel Crest! He really missed his Father as we all do and now the two of them are on the nineteenth hole together playing the greatest game of their lives. I'll see them both on the other end. I have to really pick up my game first. It indeed will take a good period of time to get over the loss. Some boy's were never meant to grow up because they were so very good at just being boy's. Love, and heartfelt sorrow, your Brother Bill Kennedy##imported-begin##Bill Kennedy##imported-end##*

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“ *We spent many hours together from early childhood to young adults. Playing baseball at Lion's field, attending TTHS, working for HBC or just playing golf at Cherry Hills.

I always will remember your smile and laugh. ÿ½May you be at peace.

Your friend always...##imported-begin##Tim Rogers##imported-end##*

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“ Johnny was my friend. ĩ½He was my friend for 35 years and I will always remember him fondly. ĩ½I will forever choose to remember only the good in Johnny. ĩ½John had his demons to deal with, as do I and all who read this tribute do. ĩ½But John always had a smile on, a joke to tell and a dignity that kept his troubles at bay. ĩ½He was always honest and happy and optimistic. ĩ½Anything else in his life was simply a footnote.

He expressed his love for his mom and his family with great sincerity. ĩ½I truly do not remember him speaking harshly of anyone, a trait that I feel speaks volumes to the depth of his character.

I wish I could have been a better friend to John. ĩ½When he was in need, I wish I could have taken away his pain.

I loved my friend Johnny and I will miss him.

###imported-begin###Jim Crotty###imported-end###

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“ I hope that John has found it peaceful on the other side. ĩ½Perhaps he is with Dad. ĩ½He will take care of John, as always. ĩ½I have learned from John's life and choices. ĩ½I believe that there is purpose to every life. ĩ½Perhaps John's purpose was to show those that follow him...a better path. ĩ½Peace be with him!###imported-begin###Kimberly Kennedy-Robbins###imported-end###

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“ John was my sports mentor. Baseball, basketball, football, hockey - he was skilled at all, and taught me the games. I fondly remember pickup baseball at Lions field where John always made sure I was picked on his team. God gives us love. Something to love He lends us.
 David Kennedy

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“ Johnny,
 the years we shared many trials and tribulations, adventures and misadventures. Always.
 James P. Kennedy

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“ John always conducted himself as a responsible adult when visiting. Uncle John always offered helpful advice to Kristi with her Gymnastics, and to Shannon with her Figure Skating. Shannon was very excited when ever she knew her uncle John was coming over as was Kristi. John was the only family we had in Las Vegas and he always had a story to tell and a smile to lift your heart. May the good lord have mercy on John and may he rest in peace. You will not be forgotten, you will be missed, Love Sue, Kristi, and Shannon Kennedy,
 Sue, Kristin, and Shannon

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“ I REMEMBER JOHNNY MOST FOR HIS FUN LOVING PERSONALITY. I NEVER KNEW MUCH ABOUT THE BAD TIMES AND I'AM GLAD THAT I DON'T. ALTHOUGH HE WAS A FEW YEARS OLDER THAN ME, HE ALWAYS FOUND TIME TO INCLUDE ME IN THE CONVERSATIONS AND THE LAUGHTER. HE SHARED HIS BIRTHDAY WITH MY MOTHER AND NOW THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE MANY MORE TOGETHER. I'AM SURE THAT UNCLE JIM AND JOHNNY ARE HELPING MOM PLAN THAT A BLOW-OUT LUNDBERG FAMILY REUNION. I MISS THOSE TIMES. MY LOVE TO AUNT PHYLLIS AND THE WHOLE KENNEDY FAMILY. I LOVE YOU JOHNNY. SAY HI! TO MOM FOR ME. -- ROBIN###imported-begin###ROBIN MORRISON EWING###imported-end###

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“ I will miss John's laughter and Smile, but most of all I will miss Johns words of encouragement, John allways wanted everyone to be Happy and made it his ambition in life to please others. God Bless you John, I love you. Danny###imported-begin###Daniel J. Kennedy###imported-end###

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“ Deepest Sympathy on your loss ~ Johnny was a good friend of mine as was your family.

Please let me know when the memorial service will take place.

My thoughts and prayers are with you. May Johnny finally be at peace. God Bless You and Keep You.###imported-begin###Jack Keegan###imported-end###

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“ John, I will always remember your kind heart and joyful manner.
½There was always time in your life as I grew up to play catch,
teach me to swim, golf, be there for the fun things in life. ½Your
warmth and attention with the smallest children is what I remember
most. ½If you have taught me anything John, it is to laugh and
sometimes to not take things so seriously. ½I believe you and Dad
are together again, humming a tune and hanging out. Debating
about the White Sox and who is the best player on the team.
½You are now in a better place John, and I hope that you know
how much I really do miss you. ½One day we will all be together
again and I can tell you this, ½I am sad that I didn't get to say
goodbye. ½With love and a heavy heart, I will miss you. ½Your
sister, Kathy##imported-begin##Kathleen Kennedy##imported-
end##

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“ I remember all the fun times we had growing up together. ½John
was good at every sport he tried, and we always competed with
each other. ½We had that special love that brothers have for each
other. ½Though I did not see him much in his final years, he was
always with me in thought, as he will be forever. ½I love you
Johnny.##imported-begin##Thomas R. Kennedy##imported-end##

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“ John always seemed kind and sensitive.

I am sure that he
was welcomed in to the next life by his father and
grandparents.##imported-begin##Virginia and Carl
Gullquist##imported-end##

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