



John G Napier

January 28, 1958 - September 19, 2019

CEDAR FALLS – John Gordon Napier Jr., 61, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, September 19, 2019 at his home.

He was born January 28, 1958 in Waterloo, Iowa, son of John and Jan (Walgren) Napier.

He graduated in 1976 from Central High School in Waterloo and attended Hawkeye Tech. He was employed with various companies as a Tool and Die maker, retiring in 2019.

Survived by: three sisters, Vickie Evans, Kim (Matt) Murray of Louisville, TN, and Pam (Doug) Napier Frost of Taylorville, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: his parents; and a sister, Karen Tyler.

Family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24th at Richardson Funeral Service.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

John was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Green Bay Packers. He loved riding his motorcycles and bicycle; and spent much of his free time in his wood shop.

Previous Events

Gathering

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John G Napier.*



September 23, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John G Napier.*



September 23, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing. Every time he came home from visiting you Kim he would tell me what a great time he had. You all have my sympathy he was a great guy. Mary Beth*

Mary Beth (Kullen) Skiles - September 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Tom & Sheila Napier sent a virtual gift in memory of John G Napier*



Tom & Sheila Napier - September 23, 2019 at 02:02 PM

CJ

“ *Cousin's Chris, Timothy,Nathan & Joseph lit a candle in memory of John G Napier*



Cousin's Chris, Timothy,Nathan & Joseph - September 23, 2019 at 01:57 PM

LN

“ *Lynne Napier sent a virtual gift in memory of John G Napier*



Lynne Napier - September 23, 2019 at 01:45 PM

TA

“ *TDS Automation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John G Napier.*



TDS Automation - September 23, 2019 at 10:47 AM

KS

“ *John was a longtime friend and always a great host. He had a infectious laugh/smile and an avid football fan. Sorry to see you go so soon but I'm sure you will be celebrated in the next world.*

Keli Pettin Schmidt - September 22, 2019 at 09:58 PM

“ Dear sisters, family, and friends of John,
I join you all during this time of grieving and I pray for you all during this time. May our Lord bring us comfort and provide us with strength and fond thoughts.

I first knew John's dad, John Sr., when he delivered milk to our house on Keystone St. He was a very happy and friendly man, also tall and thin.

I had been attending St. Mary's all this time and John Jr. soon attended classes with me probably around the 5th and 6th grade. We pretty much hit it off immediately and were pretty good friends during our time at St. Mary's.

I went over to their house several times on Logan Ave. I remember the homemade go-kart him and his dad had built. I guess the term "go-kart" is being very generous as it seemed to have been created from a large assortment of metal parts. It did have a gas engine and four wheels so in my book, that was technically a "go-kart"!!

A year or two later, John Sr. decided he wanted to ride the rails of abandoned or not-so-active rail lines. We put the "rail car" on the rails just south of Waterloo, heading to La Porte City. We started motoring along, probably using the old "go-kart" engine from the so-called go-kart while we were all comfortably seated in lawn chairs. When we came up upon a switch, the car derailed, and I recall seeing lots of sky, filled with sandwiches and cans of soda. I then recall performing a close visual inspection of the ground beneath me!!

I recall riding our dirt bikes not so far away from the house on Sheerer Ave. We raced each other and had a blast at it. I'm so thankful I met John as his mechanical interest soon boosted my interest. John was a great friend and I regret that we didn't keep in touch. I so regret not keeping in touch.

So, as I close, I'd like to tell you all that I stand at 6'-6" tall and weigh around 175 lbs. Throughout my life people ask me if my parents are tall and I reply, "No", but our milkman was tall and thin!!! It's always been my story to keep memorable people alive in my soul, and I'm so thankful to God that He shared John Sr. and John Jr. and Jan with us all.

Bless you all!

*Tom Delamore
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East High - '76

Thomas Delamore - September 22, 2019 at 07:08 PM

BM

“ *Brenda (Johnston) Miller lit a candle in memory of John G Napier*



Brenda (Johnston) Miller - September 22, 2019 at 04:26 PM

BM

I remember John from Central High. He was funny, kind, very handsome and easy to talk to. I am very sad to hear of his passing. Sending my prayers to the family. Brenda (Johnston) Miller

Brenda (Johnston) Miller - September 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM

KW

“ *Kevin White lit a candle in memory of John G Napier*



Kevin White - September 22, 2019 at 01:31 PM

KW

“ My condolences to John's family. I was saddened and shocked to hear of John's passing. John and I were very good friends from high school and beyond. We used to ride our motorcycles all over, among many other things. Unfortunately, life took us to different parts of the US and even though we kept in touch occasionally, I really missed spending time with John. John was an awesome friend and he will be truly missed. Love you, My Friend. Rest in Peace.

Kevin White

Kevin White - September 22, 2019 at 01:29 PM

CW

I am so sad to hear of John's passing. I first met him as our driver for RAGBRAI many years ago for the Barhandler group. John was not an avid bicycle rider, but he was one of us. He was funny, kind, quirky and had an unmistakable laugh, but also a good friend to anyone who knew him. I will miss you "Johnny Poppers" Rest easy.

Carol Whitmore - September 23, 2019 at 03:10 PM

TA

I am shocked and saddened to hear of John's passing. I graduated high school with John. I also worked with John for many years, at H and H, Doerfers, and at JD. I built many of the dies and other tooling that he designed. We had a great friendship and a great working relationship. John was a great die and tool designer, but more importantly, he was an awesome person. My sympathies to his family and friends. Tony Anderson

Tony Anderson - October 21, 2019 at 08:41 PM