



John R. Burns

May 30, 1962 - October 15, 2023

John Robert Burns, 61 years of age, passed unexpectedly on October 15, 2023.

John was born May 30th, 1962, in Chicago, IL to the late Robert Burns and Barbara (Konkowski) Burns. John attended Addison Trail HS, class of 1980 and continued his education at Marquette University.

Married his loving wife, Kathy Helmig on May 26, 1984, in Wood Dale, IL.

He joined his dad at Acorn Fasteners that led to his entrepreneurial spirit by starting Heam Fasteners. Later he went to work for Remke Tablets and on to become the sole owner.

John had a love for the fire department from a very young age. He got to pursue that love and joined the Marengo Fire Department. After many years there, John became Fire Marshal with the Union Fire Department. As you can see, John kept busy. As if that wasn't enough, he was also Marengo Township Supervisor. He also plowed snow for the school district for years and helped as a tow truck driver for Karstens.

John was a kind and generous man, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was a great friend to many. In his free time, he loved yelling at the TV during sporting events, the remote practically attached to him at all times. As a family man, John supported his kids in all their activities and life's passions. Loved having his grandkids around and supplied all the sugar high before sending them home to Mom and Dad. He will be missed by so many.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; his mother, Barbara Burns; a wonderful father to Heather Kesteley (Nate), Adler Burns (Jenna) and Noah Burns; papa John to Corynn, Cheyann, Chylnn, Calynnda, known to all as the Four C's along with Emmie. John was big brother to Joan (Dan), Jim (Patricia), Jeanne (Bob) and uncle to all their wonderful kids.

He us preceded in death by his father.

Visitation to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10 AM to 12:45 PM at Marengo Fire Station #1, 120 Prairie St. A fire fighter walk-through will take place at 12:45 pm and the funeral service will follow. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to be distributed to various charities.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Marengo Fire Protection Dist.
120 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152

Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Joint responsibility of a God parent is an honor and gift. Coming to this news weeks later is of a tragedy. May John’s maker embrace his son.
Blessings in abundance,
Stephanie Coca-Carter*



Stephanie L. Coca-Carter - November 01, 2023 at 06:17 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wiesneth lit a candle in memory of
John R. Burns*



Cheryl wiesneth - October 22, 2023 at 09:32 PM

CW

I went to Holy Ghost with John for 8 years. I am saddened to hear of his passing 🙏🙏 my deepest condolences to his loved ones ❤️❤️

Cheryl wiesneth - October 22, 2023 at 09:34 PM

MU

“ *We are so sorry to hear about John , he will be greatly missed.. our condolences to Kathy and all the kids , and extended family .. Love
Michelle and Tim Utilie*



Michelle & Tim Utilie - October 21, 2023 at 07:29 PM

AS

“ I worked for John between 1985-89. John always was diligent and hard working. Yes, we had disagreements, but I always learned to work smarter, not just harder.

I talked with him from time to time, yet it was never enough. We worked very well together and had a very strong respect for one another. I can still remember his strong, direct voice as well as his sense of humor. In a way I wish it was 1989 again. Til we meet again John

Al Sprehe, Jr.

Al Sprehe - October 21, 2023 at 12:58 AM

KI

“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to all that he loved and who loved him. How blessed you all are to have the memories in your hearts.*

Kim - October 20, 2023 at 05:42 PM

KB

“ *I was shocked to learn of John's. What a great person. Always willing to help out with the Union Fire Department and st the historical museum. My heartfelt sympathies to Kathy, family and friends.*

Kurt Begalka - October 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.*



October 19, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 19, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.



October 19, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 19, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.



October 19, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.



October 19, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 19, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ John Burns was a great friend and family man there was nothing he wouldn't do for anyone in need it was a pleasure to have known him and enjoy his company. He will be truly missed by so many, and we can only hope for the family to find joy in his memories and allow yourself to heal Love you John
Dina and Tony

Dina Kasper - October 19, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 18, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.



October 18, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 18, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Burns.



October 18, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Burns.

October 18, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ John was a genuine guy. He will greatly be missed.

Jill Tegtman - October 18, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ John volunteered to help transport the buildings of Fire Safety Town to and from the McHenry County Fair over the past several years. He was a man of quality and integrity. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him and work with him.

*Pastor Gerald Schalk
Chaplain/Fire Marshal
Fox River Grove Fire Protection District*

Gerald Schalk - October 17, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ The Bronge Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Burns.

The Bronge Family - October 17, 2023 at 01:47 PM