



John Gilbert Bryan

December 30, 1932 - April 21, 2012

John Gilbert Bryan, 79, of Aurora, passed away at his home on Saturday, April 21, 2012. He was born December 30, 1932 in Davenport, IA to Katherine (Lerum) and Gilbert N. Bryan, but lived his entire life in Aurora, Illinois.

John graduated from Holy Angels Grade School, Marmion Military Academy and the University of Notre Dame. He served two years in the US Army in Verdun, France and upon his return, was employed at Geneva Construction Company and eventually became the owner and President in 1978. John was a board member of St. Charles Hospital, Illinois Senior's Golf Association, and Chicago District Golf Association. He was a board member and past President of Geneva Construction Company, Illinois Road Builders Association, Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association, the Aurora Country Club, and Aurora Fox Valley Notre Dame Club. John was an avid golfer, winning a prestigious Chicago area Junior Tournament as a teenager. He qualified for the US Army golf finals in Berlin, Germany in 1955 and was twice champion at the Aurora Country Club. In 1982, he received an alumnus of the year award from Notre Dame for running a local club golf outing to raise scholarship funds. He ran this club for 33 years. John was also a member of several clubs including VFW, American Legion, Amvets, Knights of Columbus, the Aurora Country Club, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He is survived by his wife Marguerite Ann (Goodendorf) Bryan of Aurora, IL;

six children Katherine Ann (Robert) Madden of Woodbury, MN, Margaret Ann (William) Johnson of Granger, IN, Patricia Ann (Michael) Kimutis of Cincinnati, OH, John Patrick Bryan of Sugar Grove, IL, Michael Patrick (Kara) Bryan of Elburn, IL, and Dr. Kevin Patrick (Michelle) Bryan of Niceville, FL; 9 grandchildren Jeffrey Paramore, Michelle, Patrick, Bryan, and Maureen Kimutis, Shannon, Madeline, August, and Taylor Bryan; and two sisters Mary (Hal) Phillips of Mt. Kisco, NY and Joanne (Richard) MacDonald of Madison, WI.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Maureen Ann Bryan and his parents Katherine (Lerum) and Gilbert Bryan.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:30am to Holy Angels Church at 10:00am. A Mass will be offered by Fr. Charles Reichenbacher, OSB and interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 2:00pm until 8:00pm with a liturgical wake service at 2:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500 or visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for John G's family. Special thanks to Vitas Hospice and to John G's nurses, Kathy and Kathy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John G's memory to Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Ave., Aurora, IL 60506; Marmion Academy, 1000 Butterfield Rd., Aurora, IL 60502 or Sunshine Through Golf Foundation, 11855 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Too soon to go, too soon. What a wonderful, beautiful legacy Mr. Bryan leaves! You did good, Sir, you did good. We claim Bob and Katherine Ann as our very own, and what godsend they are to us. Our hearts and prayers have been with you all through this right of passage, and now we know in our as well hearts that the angels are singin' and dancin' at the arrival of John Gilbet Bryan. God's peace, much love+, many prayers.*

Jim, Sarah (your Irish Protestant sister, Katherine and Bob) and Khaki Tindall

May 5, 2012



Sarah Tindall - May 05, 2012 at 07:57 PM

JP

“ *Dear Marge and family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel God's embrace and comfort.*

Jeannie Witte Prombo



Jeannie Witte Prombo - April 26, 2012 at 05:09 PM

MT

“ *Manuel Trenado lit a candle in memory of John Gilbert Bryan*



Manuel Trenado - April 26, 2012 at 03:46 PM

MT

"We are so sorry for Your loss, and wanted to say that our thoughts and prayers are with all your family" From, Manuel Trenado.

Manuel Trenado - April 26, 2012 at 03:55 PM

PM

“ We were sorry to learn of John's passing, and wanted to extend our sympathy to the Bryan Family. It has been a long time since we enjoyed the hospitality of John at the Notre Dame games. Marge and Kathy, we hope to see you again sometime at Notre Dame. Our prayers are with you at this time. God bless you all. Pat & Judi Mettler

Pat & Judi Mettler - April 26, 2012 at 02:12 PM

JN

“ To the Bryan family, We are so sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to seeing John at the ND games which I attended. I know he will still be watching, but from better seats above. Sharing a BM with John and seeing him in his Fighting Irish green pants is a memory I will not forget. Our thouths are with you. Jim and Marge Naughton

Jim Naughton - April 26, 2012 at 09:37 AM

ML

“ Sorry to here of John's passing, my prayers and thoughts are with you all. John was good friend to my Father. God Bless . Marie Boehme Libby

Marie Elaine Libby - April 25, 2012 at 10:14 PM

NS

“ *Nickolas Scillia lit a candle in memory of John Gilbert Bryan*



Nickolas Scillia - April 25, 2012 at 06:58 PM

NS

John you were always a pleasure to have at tournaments. You always had great stories and funny jokes, you will be missed. My condolences to John's family, may your memories carry on and the pain of your loss be short.

sincerely,

Nick

Nickolas Scillia - April 25, 2012 at 07:03 PM

SB

“ *All of us at Contractors Adjustment Company send our condolences to John's family and employees of Geneva Construction on their loss. Mr. Gilbert was a shining example of the kindness, dedication and community supporter that we all should be striving to be. We hope the pain of your loss is short and your memories of such a fine man are long.*

Sincerely,

Steven and Susan Boren

Steven Boren - April 25, 2012 at 02:28 PM



“ *Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



April 25, 2012 at 11:45 AM



“ *Dillon Transport purchased the Yellow & White Standing Cross With Yellow Rose Break for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



Dillon Transport - April 25, 2012 at 11:41 AM



“ *Ramsey James purchased the Serene Greentm Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



Ramsey James - April 25, 2012 at 11:31 AM



“ *Hello all,
I hope you are able to be together to comfort each other and to celebrate John's life. It has been years since I last saw him, but I always enjoyed the opportunity to talk and joke with him. Also always enjoyed the Notre Dame Fight Song from the car. I am, of course, not alone in that. One-of-a-kind.
Take care,
Tim Kane*

Tim Kane - April 24, 2012 at 06:02 PM

TM

“ *Dear Marge and Family,
It was an honor for Cindy and me to have known John these past 12 yrs. When we first where introduced to the Bryan's at Notre Dame you welcomed us as family. And we have felt like family ever since. We enjoyed listening to John's stories about life and ND. John will be missed at the games especially in Ireland this fall. You know he will be either cheering or yelling from up above. God bless you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love.
Tom and Cindy Mueller*

Tom and Cindy Mueller - April 24, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



April 24, 2012 at 01:20 PM

MW

“ *I am sorry to here about John Bryan passing on, Friend.
Marvin Walling
1617 Southlawn Pl
Aurora IL 60506
marvinwalling@sbcglobal.net*

Marvin J. Walling - April 24, 2012 at 10:46 AM

GK

“ Marge, Kathy, Margaret, Patty, John & Kevin,

I just heard the news & I am so sad for your loss! We will be praying for God's Grace to cover you as you mourn the death of a wonderful husband, man and father. I pray that the weeks ahead will find you celebrating John's life. Although the grief must be great ~ what a blessing his life was to so very many people....most of all you!!!



Our Love and prayers to you all,

*Gretchen Schalz Knapp
Kira, David & Alexa*

Gretchen S. Knapp - April 23, 2012 at 09:38 PM

GK

*Sorry Michael, leave it to me to miss you in the greeting. Well, at least a little chuckle for my mistake! Love you all!
Gretchen*

Gretchen S. Knapp - April 23, 2012 at 09:44 PM

RE

“ *I had the privilege of spending many great times with John over the years as we shared our common interests in golf and Notre Dame football. I would believe that John held the honor among our Notre Dame 1954 classmates in seeing the Irish play at the greatest number of places...53 in all. He shared this with me during a long chat at our last reunion prior to the home opener last season. We will all miss him...he was a credit to Notre Dame and the world of golf. He and the family will be in our prayers.*

Dick Ehr, ND'54

Richard Ehr - April 23, 2012 at 04:46 PM

TM

“ I MET JOHN IN 1998 THROUGH THE CHICAGO DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION.
WE SPENT MANY HOURS TOGETHER OFFICIATING CDGA TOURNAMENTS.
WE DISCOVERED THAT WE HAD SEVERAL MUTUAL FRIENDS AND SHARED AN INTEREST IN GOLF AND COLLEGE FOOTBALL. HE WENT TO ND AND I WENT TO MICHIGAN.
ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AND WILL MISS HIM GREATLY.
THOMAS MOTT

THOMAS E MOTT - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



April 23, 2012 at 10:49 AM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



April 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM

SH

“ *To the Bryan Family,*

Mr. Bryan had such an amazing personality. Always made the best out of the situation. I learned a lot from him and life will be very different without him. I am truly sorry for your loss.

*My Deepest Condolences,
Samantha H. and Family*

Samantha Haywood - April 23, 2012 at 09:02 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Bryan.*



April 23, 2012 at 07:34 AM

KB

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Kevin Bryan - April 22, 2012 at 08:48 PM

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Kevin Bryan - April 22, 2012 at 08:46 PM

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Kevin Bryan - April 22, 2012 at 08:40 PM

KB

“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Kevin Bry - April 22, 2012 at 08:34 PM

SS

“ *Kathy and Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I can imagine this time has been very difficult, yet I have faith that his memory and spirit will warm your hearts forever.

*Lovingly,
Shelly Stuckey*

Shelly Stuckey - April 22, 2012 at 11:48 AM

ER

“ *To Marge and Bryan children: So sorry to hear about Johns passing. I have fond memories when your kids and our kids (Scott & Sara) were all on the swim team. John was a great supporter of the swim team program. Please accept my sincere sympathy to all of you. Sincerely: Eileen Randall*

Eileen Randall - April 22, 2012 at 11:45 AM