



John P. Jurovich

July 28, 1949 - March 31, 2015

John Jurovich, 65, a 15 year Rock Island resident, passed away at his home on Tuesday afternoon, March 31, 2015, following a sudden illness.

He was born on July 28, 1949 at Laurel, Mississippi, to the late Peter and Gladys Jurovich. As a young child, the family made a number of moves with his father's career in the Military Service. At the age of 10, they moved to the West Spokane area and John attended schools in Cheney. He graduated from the Cheney High School in 1967. He met and was later married to Linda Reel in Spokane in 1968. To this union his three daughters were born. They moved to make their home in Grangeville, Idaho. In 1972, he accepted employment with the Job Corps and they moved to Roseburg, Oregon. He was transferred to Moses Lake with Job Corp in 1980. In 1981, He became a Grant County Deputy Sheriff and worked his way up through the department to Chief Deputy and later became a Homicide Detective. He had also received advanced training at the FBI Academy.

In the mid 1990's, he began his own computer service known as "Northwest Computers and in 2000, he moved to make his home in Rock Island. He became an Investigator for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries in 2004 and remained working there until retiring in June of 2014. John was also a Licensed Private Investigator operating a agency known as "Advanced Investigative Services".

John was a Master Barbequer and a great cook. He collected antique toys and Zippo Lighters, enjoyed gardening and was very proud of his yard and

liked going to the Casino's. He was loved very deeply by his daughter's and was a wonderful grandfather.

He is survived by his Domestic Partner of 19 years, Lisa G. Bell, Rock Island; three daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa & Kenneth Abel, Clarkston, WA, Susan & Bill Swindoll, Wenatchee and Lisa & Vance Smith, Lewiston, ID; one sister, Linda Garcia, Airway Heights, WA; two grandchildren, Blake Hamilton, Clarkston, WA and Skyler Smith, Lewiston, ID; his extended family includes, Patrick & Jessica Sagdal and his three sons, Haven, Brayden and Ryker all of Richland, WA and Brady Bell and his daughter, Meliah of Conconully, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Mildred Jurovich and two grandsons, Tyler Schneirla and David Jurovich.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held at a later date. You are invited to visit his tribute online and leave a memory for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Thinking of you always Dad*



sue and Bill Swindoll - June 04, 2016 at 06:14 PM

SS

“ *Dad you will always be a light in our hearts, lives and memories, we miss you.*



Sue and Bill Swindoll - March 03, 2016 at 01:08 PM

HA

“ *pappa john was the funnest and funneist man ever he always would want to play sorry one time I beat him and he got mad but in a funny way it was so funny and he would want to go to town all the time it was so boring but now I wish I still could go with him to town but now I can't anymore I wish that I could have seen him one more time before he past away*

haven - August 25, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BS

“ *Miss you so much !* ”



Bill & Susan Swindoll - May 14, 2015 at 02:12 PM

LG

“ John Jurovich known to us at the Grant County Sheriff's Office as JJ. When I became a member of the Grant County Sheriff's Office in 1989 it became very clear to me that JJ was the office prankster. My first day at the office he "rigged" the computer I used to make me think I hit the wrong button and crashed the system. Bells and whistles when off on the computer and when he came out of his office he asked what I had done to the computer...then he laughed like only JJ could laugh. I knew then it was game on. JJ's favorite prank - shaving cream on the ear piece of your phone... he would then wait for a call to come in to the office. Then BAM! shaving cream in the ear...He would come out of his office and laugh while you try to stay professional on the phone. JJ!!!! The rubber band fights were epic - although I had to hide the good ones from him because he had a lethal launch. Oh, JJ didn't always win the prankster award, he was the 'gracious' recipient of a popcorn filled desk, Life Savers stuck to his desk and many, many more.. but we never crossed the line....mayonaise....he hated it. Trust me, I so wanted to put mayo on the handle of his car but I knew that would put him over the edge and a letter in my file! JJ retired from the Grant County Sheriff's Office, moved from Ephrata and went to work for L&I in Wenatchee and we lost contact.

My daughter Jessica met the married Pat Sagdal, son of Lisa Bell. Small world JJ - now we're related!

Lisa I'm so sorry that John is gone. My wish for you is that the memories you have will forever keep a smile on your face and a warm feeling in your heart - my memories of JJ do. Love you - Leslie

Leslie Gonzales - April 14, 2015 at 12:44 AM

TS

“ Dearest friend Susan and your family! I just want to say that I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you! Love Trisha

trisha smugaj - April 07, 2015 at 01:48 PM

TH

“ Always, J-man, you will be missed. Love ya Gomer! ;)

Theresa - April 05, 2015 at 06:34 PM

AF

“ You will be missed. I was glad to have known you as a co-worker, but most importantly as a friend. Great sense of humor and fun to be around. My condolences to his family. Prayers and thoughts during this time of grief.

Aurora Flores - April 05, 2015 at 01:47 AM

AF

“ I worked right across from John at Labor and Industires for many years. He was always so focused that when he came across the aisle he would scare me. I enjoyed his easy-going personality and big heart. He was so caring and compassionate and had a quiet sense of humor. I enjoyed his dedication to friends and family. When you became his friend, he was a loyal friend. Having known him as a co-worker, I also felt priviledged to have been his friend. It's hard to believe that he is gone from this life. You will be missed John. Hugs, prayers and condolences to the family. Please know that I wish you peace as you put your loved one to rest.

Aurora Flores - April 05, 2015 at 01:39 AM

SU

“ Our hearts are broken. Life will never be the same without you here. Through all the tears, it makes me smile how many lives you have touched. You are so loved! I am very proud to call you my dad. Love you...
p.s. behave yourself in heaven

Susan - April 04, 2015 at 04:12 PM

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Susan - April 04, 2015 at 03:33 PM

BS

“ We love and miss you very much. Love Teresa, Lisa, Susan, Bill, Ken, Vance, Blake and Skyler



Bill and Susan Swindoll - April 04, 2015 at 03:04 PM

LI

“ What a great father and Grandfather, my heart hurts that Skyler will not grow up hearing your laugh and wise words. The holiday cards and gifts in the mail from you and Bell meant the world to me and I saved each one. What a blessing to be your daughter. Very proud of you. ...I love you

Lisa - April 03, 2015 at 06:28 PM

SM

“ John will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Always a smile and something funny to say. That sparkle in his eyes... I knew John for years before we worked together at GCSO. Always the gentleman. John was the step grandfather to two of my grandchildren for a time. Then when I attended my brother Kevin's wedding, John was there as friend of the bride. Surprise for both of us. You left too soon and sudden, rest in peace my friend.

Sandy Millican - April 02, 2015 at 05:44 PM

GK

“ John "JJ" was one of my dearest friends and there aren't many. Though there was a gap in time and space I'd always planned on reconnecting with him in retirement, now he's gone. Take heed, time is precious. He was smart and funny, never boring - if you knew him, you know that. He is the reason I met my wife Penny and now have two great adult kids! I will miss him terribly.

Funny GCSO stories: He sank his patrol car attempting to cross a county road during spring runoff... The front left quarter panel of his patrol gently slid against a train boarding ladder while performing security checks early morning at Cenex in Wheeler WA. The ground was covered with ice and sloped toward the train. We were a two man car, I was driving. We called another deputy, I forget who, to come in and go nose to nose with us so we'd have something to brace on and push the patrol car away from the train car ladder. When we pushed the car away the ladder made a small dent in the quarter panel. All this at less than 3 MPH. The next day's Columbia Basin Herald's news article read as though we were traveling eastbound on Wheeler Road at 55 MPH and "struck a parked train"... "There were no injuries" - Another time were on a call on the base and I ended up with a baby in my arms in the patrol car on a hellish hot summer day. I remember the baby was looking up at me smiling and all of a sudden sneezed and covered my face and most of my uniform in snot... JJ almost wet himself laughing. Great times

Greg Kardong - April 02, 2015 at 11:07 AM