



John K. "JB" Burt

June 26, 1957 - March 14, 2019

John Keith Burt, known by everyone as JB, was born in Hastings, Nebraska on June 26, 1957 to Keith Remy and Marjorie Lucille Lovegrove Burt. He passed away following a heart attack on March 14, 2019 at the age of 61. He was the third of Keith and Marjorie's four children and the only son. During his first couple years the family lived on the Harvard, Nebraska air force base. In 1960 the family moved to the Burt homestead south of Grafton, Nebraska. JB attended school in Geneva, Nebraska graduating from Geneva High School.

JB thoroughly embraced his passions. The love of vehicles and engines encompassed his entire life. As a kid he drove around the farm on his go-cart, Cub Cadet and tractors (as soon as he could reach the pedals). No one knew who taught JB to drive. While still in grade school, JB took the engine from his go-cart apart and put it back together; and while in high school, he repaired small engines for neighbors. JB is a graduate of the Colorado Diesel Mechanic School in Denver. While there he took apart and rebuilt a diesel engine...that he kept in the bathtub of his apartment. His love of vehicles and engines graduated from local car races to tractor pulls where he competed nationally, winning several awards, including first place in his division at the National Tractor Pull in Louisville, KY in 1993.

For several years he used his expertise to run a used farm equipment parts business from the family farm. Many were familiar with the tractor sitting high

a top a large pillar at the intersection of Highway 6 and Grafton Gravel. In his later years his focus turned to boats. He kept a boat on the Lake of the Ozarks for several years.

JB lived on the Burt homestead and farmed for many years. He rented the land out when he started a business selling barbeque sauces and rubs. He competed in barbeque contests across the country winning numerous awards. His fleet of trucks, pickups and smokers, all decorated with images of his products and awards, were seen throughout the Midwest where he and his crew smoked meat in front of grocery stores and catered events and festivals.

As Marjorie and Keith's health began to fail, JB provided a tremendous amount of support to both parents. He lived with Keith for over two years after Marjorie's death.

In recent years JB's focus was in the Lake of the Ozarks where he spent a large portion of his time and invested in lakeside resorts.

JB married Gloria Milena Villegas Gil on April 28, 2018. JB loved Christmas. Gloria, and her daughter Kammie (Kamila) were able to spend three years celebrating Christmas together with JB at his house in Geneva, where Santa always made a visit.

JB was a proud member of the Liberty Lodge Masons, Sesostris Shrine Little Cars and the Royal Order of Jesters. JB was an organ donor benefiting multiple people as his last act.

JB was preceded in death by his parents Keith and Marjorie Burt and his nephew Zak Epke. JB is survived by his wife Gloria; step-daughter Kamila; sisters and bother-in-laws, Linda and John Rebrovic, Beverly and Clark Epke and Janet and Kim Eggers; his niece and her husband Effie (Epke) and

Michael Nestrud and nephew Bryan Eggers.

A Memorial Service for JB was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Pastor Natalie Faust was the officiant for the service. Gloria Milena Villegas Gil sang "Purple Rain" and "My Heart Will Go On" for the service. The recorded selection "Adagio For Strings" was played as the recessional song.

Honorary pallbearers for the service included John Rebrovic Clark Epke, Kim Eggers, Michael Nestrud, Bryan Eggers, Ralph Graham, Justin Grant, Rod Norrie, Brad Lauber and Troy Otte.

A private family committal of ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery prior to the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in JB's memory to the following organizations:

Geneva Chapter of FFA

Fillmore County Hospital Foundation
1900 F Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Geneva United Methodist Church
942 H St
Geneva, NE 68361

Geneva Public Cemetery
167 South 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

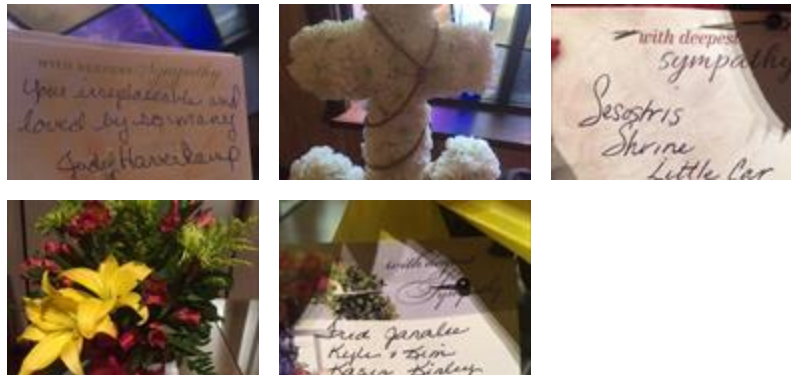
YB

“ Our sincere condolences to the families. JB was the greatest dock neighbor and the atmosphere will never be the same. I will miss our morning coffee visits and his blue crocs. Fly high buddy we will take care of the bear and turtles. Deepest Respect, Cheryl Brougham and YG.

YG Bays - June 11, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ 40 files added to the album BURT FLOWERS



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 23, 2019 at 04:34 PM

Erin Malzer

“ From all of us at Fat Boy BBQ, we'd like to send our condolences to the Burt family. We had the pleasure of getting to know John through our purchase of his rub and sauce company. His recipes still live on, and will for many years. He will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Erin and Kirk Malzer
and the Fat Boy Team

Erin Malzer - March 23, 2019 at 01:07 PM

M(

“ MARK VANDER WILT (Buck) lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



MARK VANDER WILT (Buck) - March 22, 2019 at 05:13 PM

RB

“ Rick & Betty Buerer lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



Rick & Betty Buerer - March 22, 2019 at 07:52 AM

CS

“ “Chuckie... nobody, I mean nobody has more fun than me!!!” -JB. I miss you my friend. R.I.P.

Charles Struble - March 20, 2019 at 04:09 PM

DG

“ Doug & Jess Godown lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



Doug & Jess Godown - March 19, 2019 at 07:07 PM

TM

“ JB you were truly one of a kind! You brought so many memories in our lives that we still talk about today! You helped us out in a time of need and gave us experiences of a lifetime! You were truly a great friend to us! Your kindness and sense of humor will never be forgotten! Rest In Peace dear friend!

Terry and Stacy McCoy - March 19, 2019 at 05:55 PM

EW

“ I met JB when I was an Assistant Manager at the local Wal-Mart. He was trying to get his FAT BOY into the system to sell at the Wal-Marts. I told him, he had to go through the channels of doing it. He pish pushed and said he had and it was going no where. There was nothing I could do to help him I said. We later had mutual friends, meetings and I was forever the "Wal-mart Girl". He became a buddy that was good for a laugh and smile. Sharing info, getting together with, boat rides, dinners, just a all around great guy. When I heard the news it was like I had been hit in the stomach. The Locals here at The Lake all knew him, he will be missed. His business ventures will succeed but it wont be the same to NOT see him at the HELM....smiling and laughing, sharing. GOD SPEED to the family. He was a bear of a man with a barrel sized heart. Oh JB....whew. Loosing this one just hurts.

Emily Wiles - March 19, 2019 at 01:10 PM

VJ

“ There was only one JB! Thoughts and prayers!



Virginia and Mike Johnson - March 19, 2019 at 12:22 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



Rhonda Schlick - March 19, 2019 at 11:46 AM

CF

“ Carolyn Krause & Family lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



carolyn krause & family - March 19, 2019 at 11:16 AM

DR

“ Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - March 19, 2019 at 11:09 AM

EW

“ Emily Wiles lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt



Emily Wiles - March 19, 2019 at 10:35 AM

NH

“ To the Burt family my deepest sympathy.

I was one of John's classmates. He and his sisters rode the school bus with myself and siblings. He seemed to always have that "grin of mischief" on his face that would make me wonder what might happen next. He was kind, giving, caring and could always make me laugh.

You'll be missed "Johnny Burt"!

Nancy (Ward) Hansen

Nancy Hansen - March 19, 2019 at 10:20 AM

DK

“ *My deepest sympathies to your wife, sisters & family. You touched the lives of many, all over the country. You were so much more than a boss, you were a friend, & mentor, if it wasn't for your knowledge I would have never been able to start my own Rub business. But most of all you were like family. Your infectious laugh & your kind heart will be greatly missed.*

Donna Kath - March 19, 2019 at 09:49 AM

VA

“ *My thoughts go out to the entire Burt Family at this very difficult time. RIP JB*



Vicki Allgood - March 19, 2019 at 09:27 AM

JU

“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt*



Janine Uldrich - March 19, 2019 at 04:58 AM

AR

“ *Andrew Roesler lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt*



andrew roesler - March 18, 2019 at 09:32 PM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Burt family. JB had so many good friends over the years, and he treated us all like family. He will be missed dearly. May He Rest in Peace. ♡*

Lisa Ruhge - March 18, 2019 at 08:42 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of John K. "JB" Burt*



Kent & Rose Theobald - March 18, 2019 at 06:21 PM

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of John K.
"JB" Burt*



Caleb Rippe - March 18, 2019 at 01:34 PM