



John J. "Steer" Lanternier

February 14, 1976 - October 14, 2010

John J. "Steer" Lanternier 34 of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away at 4:50 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Center in Fort Wayne.

John was born on February 14, 1976 in Indianapolis. He is survived by his parents Raymond P. & Gayle (Custer) Lanternier of Bluffton, Indiana and a sister Mrs. Philip (Janell) Davis of Eugene, Oregon.

He was a 1994 graduate of Norwell High School. He also attended Tri-State and Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. John worked at Peg Perigo, Lincoln Financial and Edy's Ice Cream in Fort Wayne. John also lived in Hawaii for some time while he worked for United Airlines.

John was an avid Penn State Fan.

Friends are invited to visit with John's family from 10 to 2 on Saturday (October 16, 2010) at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Funeral home. Rev. Cindy Osgood will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Friends can send online condolences to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
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Tribute Wall



“ *John J. "Steer" Lanternier*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about John. We were out in Arizona when we heard. Sorry we couldn't be there for the memorial. John was such a fun loving, caring soul. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bob & Penney Burns##imported-end##*

October 20, 2010 at 10:11 PM



“ *Ray & Gayle ,
Just returned home & saw of the passing of your fine son, John .You are in our thoughts & prayers @ this time of great sorrow .##imported-begin##Jerry & Darlene Garrett##imported-end##*

October 20, 2010 at 07:08 AM



“ *I was truly blessed to have met John as a neighbor and friend. I have a funny story: He was my firemaker. I would try to make campfires outside- but often had to rely on him to do it for me. I loved his banter and smiles. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jenna Willard##imported-end##*

October 18, 2010 at 11:58 PM



“ John you are by far one of the most caring and kindest people I have known in my lifetime. Thank you so much for sharing your life with me for the little time we knew each other. You, my dear friend, were exactly that, I true true dear friend and I will truly miss you!

God Bless you and your family

Teresa George###imported-begin###teresa george###imported-end##

October 18, 2010 at 07:59 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with John at United Airlines in Fort Wayne,IN. He was a very sweet and gentle person and I will miss him greatly

Thank you for sharing your son and brother with me.

Take care

Doreen###imported-begin###Doreen Verschaffel###imported-end##

October 17, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ John's parents,

My heart goes out to you to lose such a special son. I am so sorry for your loss!

John was a special guy who really knew how to garden. He transformed my backyard with his passion for growing flowers and vegetables. I am glad I got to know John a little in this past year and a half.

I am sorry I couldn't be there with you today, but I didn't learn of the plans until early this morning at work, but my thoughts and prayers were with you today, as they have been for the past several weeks. I will keep you in my prayers for God's comfort. As a parent myself, I cannot fully grasp all that you must be feeling at this time, but my heart grieves with you for such a heartbreaking loss. John was very lucky to have such loving, special parents.

May God's peace reside in your hearts.##imported-begin##Patty Tapp##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 09:31 PM



“ *I worked with John at Lincoln Financial and was very surprised to hear of his passing. I will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Georgina Kintz##imported-end##*

October 16, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ Wishing you the peace and comfort of knowing that God will always be with you and so will your son's love and memories.

With sympathy

Sincerely,

Jeff & Sharon Espich##imported-begin##Jeff & Sharon Espich##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Lanternier,*

I want to wish you and your family my most heartfelt condolences on the loss of your son. I am saddened by the news of his passing and I wished I could have come to the funeral today. I will keep your family in my prayers and I will keep John in my prayers as well. I am sure that he is in a better place now and that he is healthy and no longer suffering.

My condolences,

Frank and JayLynn Makridakis##imported-begin##Frank Makridakis##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 02:38 PM



“ *We were so sorry to read about your son's death in the Journal Gazette. Be sure to know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. Love and prayers, Ken and Bonnie.##imported-begin##Kenneth and Lavon (Strickler) Watkins##imported-end##*

October 16, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ Raymond & Gayle
I am sorry about your loss of John. I did not know John very well, but I saw him at the Lumber yard a couple of times. I send you my condolences to Ray and Gayle.##imported-begin##Herschell L. Penrod##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 11:58 AM



“ Sharing in your loss. So many memories come to mind, especially the football carpool. May you feel God's arms around you at this time. Love and prayers, Leon and Pat##imported-begin##Leon & Pat Gerber##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the family find comfort in God. God bless his family & friends during this hard time. R.I.P
John.##imported-begin##Enedina Olivarez##imported-end##

October 16, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“ John touched each soul he met with his charm and wit. May you rest in peace my friend as I will cherish the bracelets that you made for me for my lifetime.

During your grieving journey, dear lanternier family may God's love fill your hearts with guidance, strength and understanding.

God Bless,

Holly##imported-begin##Holly Rochelle##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 10:30 PM



“ We did not know John well, but we knew of the deep love that his sister and parents had for him. May God give you comfort and peace through the days ahead.##imported-begin##Presley & Betty Davis##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 10:26 PM



“ John I will miss you greatly. Of all the roommates I've had you are the best. Goodbye my friend. Dean##imported-begin##Dean Spangler##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 10:24 PM



“ Gayle,Ray and Family, Wayne and I would like to express our deepest sympathy. John was a good friend of our daughter,Emily. She always spoke of the kindness of your family and how much fun "Steer" and their group of friends had together. Cindy Monticue##imported-begin##Cindy and Wayne Monticue##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Gayle and Ray, We are so sorry to learn of the death of your son, John. He was much too young to be called from this earth. We pray that you will find comfort in knowing what a wonderful person he was. May God be with you in this time of great pain. Wish we could be there with you at this time. Pleast know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Donna Blair & John Stead##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 09:24 PM



“ Gayle, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. We will pray that your days get easier as time goes on.##imported-begin##Jerry and Judy Baumann##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ I remember playing t-ball with John. He was always such a nice boy. I am so sorry for your loss!##imported-begin##Cami (Reber) Williams##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 07:46 PM



“ Ray and Gayle, Our thoughts are with you. we pray for your comfort and healing of God's grace.##imported-begin##Bill and Joyce Shannon##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 07:43 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Karen Roussey##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Lanternier, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your son, John. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I remember him as a young boy when Janelle and I were in school together, he was always happy.##imported-begin##Crystal (Flowers) Loshe##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 06:36 PM



“ John was a great guy. Our funniest memory of him was when he and our Jeremy were on the Norwell High School Golf team. Jeremy might have weighed 102 lbs. at the time. Jeremy came home from practice one night and told us John hollered "FORE"....only to have the ball thump Jeremy in the chest !! Considering the difference in their sizes, everyone who knew of the incident had many laughs over it! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jim and Cheryl Zimmer##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 06:29 PM



“ As you no, I'm computer illiterate so Sonja set me up to do this. There's no words to say how sorry I am over the loss of your Son. May God be with you. Love Claudia D.##imported-begin##Claudia Davison##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. We'll be thinking about all of you Saturday and send our love and prayers.##imported-begin##John & Donna Emshwiller##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 03:30 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Christi Reber##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 03:22 PM



“ Gayle and Ray, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. If every there was a son that was loved and was loving it was John. Our prayers are with you that God will give you strength and comfort in this very difficult time. May the God who has chosen you and deems you as precious startle you with peace and surround you with comfort.##imported-begin##Byron and Milly Fox##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 03:02 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss.

Ken Lupp##imported-begin##Ken Lupp##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 02:55 PM



“ It was an honor to know John. He was one of the most thoughtful and generous people I have ever met. He will be deeply missed. My prayers are with you Gayle, Ray, and Janell. May God grant you peace and comfort as you remember the joy John brought to so many.##imported-begin##Amanda & Michael Faz##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ We will miss you, John. You were a true friend. We love you!##imported-begin##John and Linda Taylor, Cleveland, Tennessee##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your lost. I pray that your family may find comfort and understanding at this time. Remember that the memories are what will help you get through. John was one of a kind. It was simply amazing to experience him in action! He was such a giver of himself, his time and talent. It is because of him I know about the Bluffton street fair. Thank you for raising such a wonderful man that I had the chance to meet and allowed him to impact my life.##imported-begin##Tiffany Barnett##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ John, one of the most selfless people I have ever known. I am truly gracious for having known you and will always be thankful you allowed me to call you "friend".##imported-begin##CINDY MOORE##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 11:59 AM



“ John was always smiling, laughing, and enjoying life. I don't beleive he ever met a stranger in his life. He was always willing to open his home and heart to everyone he knew. I pray that the Lanternier finds strength, peace, and healing in knowing how many lives John touched. He was an amazing young man.##imported-begin##Richard and Tonya Thomas##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 08:20 AM



“ John, from the brief times I was around him, seemed to be full of positive energy. He was a great cook and from what I could tell, a great kind hearted man. My best friend lost everything and he was one of the first people to step up to help her, even though they had just met. He continued to be around for her and it's a rare thing to find a person that caring, genuine and kind hearted. I feel honor to have met him.##imported-begin##Melissa Landers##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 08:02 AM



“ I felt his talents were definitely meant to be as a chef. He was a great cook! He was a big man with a big,kind heart to match. You will be missed.##imported-begin##SALLY PYLE##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 07:18 AM



“ John was such a kind, loving man. His tender heart and compassion were gifts he gave freely. It truly is an honor to have known him. God Bless you John##imported-begin##Ann Grotrian##imported-end##

October 15, 2010 at 06:15 AM



“ John was the big brother that everyone always dreamed of having. He loved to cook, joke around, throw the best parties and always found a way to make everyone laugh. John was truly a dear friend to everyone who ever crossed his path. We will truly miss seeing John's bright smile that could always light up the room. We know that John is in a much better place now and he can forever rest in peace. We love and miss you John. You'll forever be in our hearts. God bless!

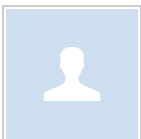
Fred & Marci Hunter##imported-begin##Fred and Marci Hunter##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 10:26 PM



“ Gayle and Ray,
I know my words cannot take away your pain and I am truly sorry that you have to experience such pain right now. John brightened our Sunday nights at church group. He always arrived with a smile and put the needs of the group in front of his own. He also often spoke up for those that were too shy or quiet to speak up for themselves. He was a good friend that will be missed by all. Please know that your family is in my prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Patti Emshwiller Fokuo##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ John, truly was one of a kind. We found in him, the type of friendship people spend a lifetime searching for. His kind heart and compassion for people, inspired us all. His memory will live on forever in our hearts, we love you John.##imported-begin##Carolina & Julio Solis##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 07:41 PM



“ *Uncle Ray & Auntie Gayle,
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are very close in
our thoughts and prayers and that we love you very much...*
Ron & Kim##imported-begin##*Ron-Kim Barnfield*##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ *John's brief time in our lives brought us joy. His knowledge, work
ethic, and compassion for people will always be
remembered.*##imported-begin##*Tom and Cindra
Towner*##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 03:32 PM