



John A. Hardin

December 6, 1972 - April 16, 2015

John A. Hardin, 42, of South Bend, IN died at his home on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, April 23, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor, MI. The visitation will be held from 5 PM to 8 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel. Burial will be at 2 PM (Indiana time) on Friday at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville, IN. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

John was born on Dec 6, 1972 in Benton Harbor to Calvin and Darlene Hardin, Sr. He was a member of the Marine Corp from 1991 to 2001. He was employed as the Director of Safety at XPO Express in Buchanan, MI. John was very proud of his service to our nation as a United States Marine. As with most Marines he was a strong willed and determined individual. But he was also a soft heart and loving and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children, Zachary, Jacob, Megan of Evansville and Kelli of Ohio; his brother, Don Hardin of Evansville, Calvin Hardin, Jr of Berrien Springs, MI, and Chris Hardin of Riverside, MI and his sister, Tricia Hardin of Vandalia, MI.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Service

APR **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery
1400 E. Virginia St.
Evansville, IN 47711

Tribute Wall



“ *i served with john in the marines while stationed in quantico va,we both became fast friends and every so often i would take him back home with me since i was from va,he was a great guy and had a wonderful sense of humor i only found out about his passing by googling him wanting to get back in touch*

Stephen Bellamy - November 07, 2020 at 06:38 AM

MH

Thank you for caring about my dad. He was such a wonderful man. ☐

Megan Hardin - February 19 at 12:57 PM

BA

“ *I've known John his whole life he was my Big sisters Son he was headstrong ,stubborn but an all around good kid ,and one hell of a man and Marine . Hadn't had much contact with him since he grew up joined the Marines and moved away and started his own family. seems we only gather for family funerals mostly at that point unless we are lucky enough to live close enough to just stop by for a visit every now and again . Well then I found him on Facebook and he shared pics and I shared some pic he would occasionally comment on my pics or something that I shared or wrote and I would comment on his sent wishes on birthdays just wish I would have gotten on and had more conversations with him, because now I can't because too soon as with all family members he was taken from us way to soon .I have all the memories I have of him as a kid growing up and even have a photo or two or three, althought I would have to dig them out. but the one thing we all would have wished for is just more time with him RIP JOHN we love and miss you*

Barb - May 06, 2015 at 12:33 PM

BA

“ *Barb lit a candle in memory of John A. Hardin*



Barb - April 23, 2015 at 07:49 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Laster purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of John A. Hardin.*



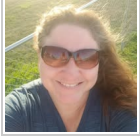
Barbara Laster - April 23, 2015 at 01:51 PM

HA

“ *Harvey, Barb, Becky, John, Alexandra, CJ, Hailey
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the
family of John A. Hardin.*

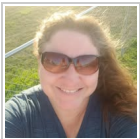


Harvey, Barb, Becky, John, Alexandra, CJ, Hailey - April 23,
2015 at 12:27 PM



“ John the last time I saw you was at our class reunion. The time before that...we dated in high school....for some reason I can't stop feeling so heart heavy... it hit me today. My deceased husband was also a marine who served in Gulf Storm and is gone now too. They told me it was an accident, but I will never know for sure because he is no longer here...What I can tell you is that I appreciate your service to our country every day as I remember and respect and honor the Marine code. I will never know what goes through the heart and mind of a marine when they come home, but you touch the lives of anyone who enjoys the privilege of our joyous freedom that the soldiers put their life on the line for. Thank you John Hardin! Here is a yellow rose as a token in friendship. Tanya Wamack

Tanya Simpson - April 22, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ Tanya Simpson lit a candle in memory of John A. Hardin



Tanya Simpson - April 22, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ John, How do you say good bye to such I nice guy. It seems like just yesterday we were sharing a pizza at Roma's with you and Melissa. We will miss your gentle smile and getting to visit with you when Melissa came to see you. My heart is so sad for Melissa and your family's lose. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace. Sue and Jay Constable



Sue and Jay Constable - April 22, 2015 at 11:44 AM

ML

Thanks, Aunt Sue. John enjoyed spending time with you and Uncle Jay and I know he was looking forward to getting to know you better. We all are going to miss him terribly.

Melissa Lincoln-Kemp - April 22, 2015 at 03:06 PM

EC

“ *Our condolences go out to John Hardings family and loved ones. Carter Express LLC*



Elizabeth & William Carter - April 21, 2015 at 09:06 PM

JM

“ *I was so shocked and saddened to hear of your passing. Last time I saw you was at our 20 year reunion. It was really great seeing you and you looked great. In my mind I still see you as you were in high school. To your family and children....I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*

Jodi Mattner - April 21, 2015 at 07:15 PM

 William
Zech

“ John,

I didn't know you very well as an adult after high school, so when I think of you it is the young man from school that I picture most. I remember a kid that got along with everyone, and I can't remember anyone that didn't like you. Well... actually, there might've been that one kid - he thought it was the funniest thing when you got your sleeve caught in the lathe in the machine shop class. I have to admit, it did look pretty funny seeing you standing there with a sweater sleeve all stretched out like the Liberty Bell. It was one of those nice sweaters too, like one you might wear over a shirt and tie. I wonder what your Mom said when you got home from school that day and she saw your sleeve. She probably said, "Johnny, you better stay away from lathes and do something safer with your life!" Then you joined the Marines.

I probably shouldn't tell you this, but I've always been a little jealous of you guys that served as Marines. That's one of the things I feel is missing from my life experiences. Of course, it's too late for me to enlist now. I ended up working in a machine shop after high school. Maybe if I had almost had my arm torn off on a lathe I might have joined the Marines too!

Sometimes I take things for granted, and I regret to say that I don't always think about the little things in life that I probably should make more time for, like keeping in touch with old friends. There is a special place in my heart for the guys I went to school with. I guess it's because I've known you longer than all my more recent friendships.

The last time I saw you was at our 20-year class reunion. You said we should all go out and get matching neck tattoos. And the time before that was at our 10-year class reunion. You had just gotten out of the Marines.

I was deeply saddened to hear about your death. I imagine, many years from now, I will be an old man, and I will still think about you

when I hear the Marine Corps hymn, or follow a car that has the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor decal in the window. Or every time I see a lathe.

I liked you, John. You were always good to me. You will be missed at our future class reunions.

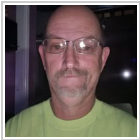
William Zech - April 21, 2015 at 07:01 PM

CF

“ *Crystal Fancher lit a candle in memory of John A. Hardin*



Crystal Fancher - April 21, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ *From Autumn Myst L.L.C. independent contractors for XPO Express, our condolences to his family. XPO lost a VIP but our nation lost a Marine. Your in our thoughts*

Tom Fountain - April 21, 2015 at 01:09 PM

CL

“ *Carmen & Paula Lisco lit a candle in memory of John A. Hardin*



Carmen & Paula Lisco - April 21, 2015 at 01:08 PM

HW

“ *Playing at the park until we were exhausted!
Your smile and your laugh.
Wish we never would have lost touch as
cousins do as they move far away but know
you have always been in our hearts. Rest in
peace cousin and Semper Fidelis
Love you, cousin Heidi*



Heidi Naegele Wood - April 21, 2015 at 12:32 PM

KB

“ *John was a great boss and friend. He will be greatly missed.
Praying for friends and family. Rest in peace John.*

kristin buechlein - April 21, 2015 at 11:59 AM

JE

“ *Heartbroken for all of John's family. Sendng prayers while you all
embark on this emotional journey. God took a fine man way too
soon. Love to you all!
Your cousin, Gingy*

Jenifer - April 21, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ *My heart goes out to all of Johns family..I felt we had just been
given a gift as we reconnected with our nephew John..he is a fine
man and will be greatly missed.*

Jim and Toni Hardin - April 21, 2015 at 11:25 AM

SS

“ John, your absence will be acutely felt here at XPO. It's hard to believe that you will no longer pop back to Billing to say hello and tease us about our constant snacking. We will miss your humor, your kindness, and your willingness to help with any problem. We are happy to have met you and saddened to have you leave us so soon.

Love from all of your friends in the billing department.

Sara Shreve - April 21, 2015 at 09:04 AM

EM

“ Share a memory of John A. Hardin or send condolences to the family.

I met the Hardin family around 1984/1985 . Learned to play baseball from the boys and I am eternally grateful for all I've learned from the boys . Now we're all grown up and it breaks my heart to see this post of tragic news . R I H brother 😞

Edward Maggert - April 20, 2015 at 08:56 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. I worked with John a short time at XPO prior to me moving to Tampa. John and I had developed a nice working relationship with John. He was a great guy he will be missed.

*Cathy Mattan
Former co/worker*

cathy mattan - April 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *Rebecca Parker lit a candle in memory of John A. Hardin*



Rebecca Parker - April 20, 2015 at 10:24 AM



“ *R I H your gone but never forgotten. I love you Cuz until we meet again*

Rebecca Parker - April 20, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John A. Hardin.*



April 20, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ John and I grew up together. We lived together, served our country together, and the world is a poorer place without him in it. I was stationed in Okinawa at Camp Hansen and he was with 1/6 at the time. He was infantry. I woke up one Saturday morning to a knock at my barracks door and when I opened it there he stood. His unit was TAD to Okinawa for training exercises. That was the best surprise I ever had. I hugged him and invited him in and we watched TV and caught up and reminisced all day long (while drinking beer). I love him like a brother and he will always be my brother and will forever be with me. I miss you John, I wish we had made more time to spend together. You were a great friend and a wonderful person. I will treasure every memory that I have of you. Semper Fidelis Marine. You will live forever.

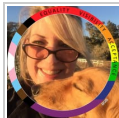


Joseph Howell - April 20, 2015 at 08:39 AM



That's a very nice story, Joe. Thank you for sharing it.

William Zech - April 21, 2015 at 07:03 PM



Beautiful tribute, Joseph

Jean Gyllenhammer - May 16, 2015 at 10:32 AM