



John Thomas Krieger

May 13, 1951 - January 31, 2018

John T. Krieger, 66, of South Haven, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., Benton Township. You are invited to meet with his family and friends starting at noon Saturday until the time of the service. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

John (Tommy) was born in St. Joseph on May 13, 1951 to John and Margaret (Granke) Krieger. He graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1969 then attended Western Michigan University and Lake Michigan College, where he was one of the founders of the "Chosen Few". He worked for many years as a CNC operator and farmed his home in Bloomingdale. John played several instruments, but especially loved the guitar. Performing professionally for years in several bands, including "Spare Partz", "Silverrock", "LTD" "Chances R", and "Krieger Family Polka Band". His passions were being a collector, travelling, performing music and storytelling, but being with family and friends meant the world to him. He had a huge heart.

John's family includes his daughter, Jennifer Krieger (Jeriod Thorn) of Grand Junction; his son Beau Krieger of Bloomingdale; his siblings, Carol Hamilton

of Lansing, Janice (Howard) Berberick of Niles, Daniel (Dawn) Krieger of Jenison, and Kevin (Ann) Krieger of Jackson; and 2 grandchildren, Camry Krieger and Sadie Krieger, and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He loved and was loved by all. In lieu of flowers we would love for you to please bring a memory to share.

Previous Events

Time of Sharing Memories

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Celebration of life

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Tribute Wall



“ *im just in shock, oh tommy im gonna miss you, i first met tommy when he played music with dave and terry wendt in a band called west river, it had a different name before that but i dont remember it, the memories with him and his family i will never forget! i miss you dear friend. tell big dave i said hi.*



Lynda Moorman Wendt Land - February 17, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Tommy brought much happiness to the residents at Countryside Nursing and Rehabilitation...They looked forward to his playing, and he always filled the room. We will miss him very much....The Angels are enjoying his talents now!*



Bridget Fritz - February 16, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Heather Munro lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Krieger*



Heather Munro - February 16, 2018 at 09:29 AM

JH

“ He gave me my first an only casino experience. An the five years i lived with my mom in the apartment above him his guitar playing helped my babys fall asleep at night.



Jessica hayes - February 15, 2018 at 08:04 PM

SS

“ Sandra K Sincler lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Krieger



Sandra K Sincler - February 15, 2018 at 03:32 PM

SS

I first met Tommy in 70's, what a guy. I listen'd to him play music many times over the years. We shall never forget that infectious smile and laugh. Thanks for so many memories over the years.. I will miss seeing you around Tommy. RIP my friend.

Sandra K Sincler - February 15, 2018 at 03:37 PM

KS

“ I managed the 'Chances R' with Tommy, Mike and Mark. Tommy was an excellent musician but more importantly an exceptional person. I will always remember him playing the hell out of the drums with a smile on his face. My best to his family especially my old classmate Carol

Ken Seel - February 12, 2018 at 02:25 PM

SF

“ *Sandy Pratt & Family lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Krieger*



Sandy Pratt & Family - February 10, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ *Will miss seeing him around he was always good at making my day a little brighter. I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him. I will think of him often when shopping in South Haven and the random conversations we had. RIP my long time friend. I want his family to know he will be in the band in heaven greeting those that follow. He was truly one of a kind.*



Carol Clements - February 08, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Tommy, he will live in the hearts and cherished memories of all whose lives he touched. RIP*

Denise Gersonde - February 07, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ *Denise Gersonde lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Krieger*



Denise Gersonde - February 07, 2018 at 03:32 PM

KM

“ Tommy and I started school together in kindergarten at the old Evans School....we were the last class to enter our school years there. My memories of Tommy are ones that will always make me smile. He was nice to everyone in high school....always smiling, waving, making a joke with whoever passed by in the hallways. His friendliness and open heart were welcomed by me and by so many others as we worked our way through all 12 years of school. I wish for his family and other loved ones that they will know that his smile and his heart and the great warmth he brought to many of us back in the school days will live on always in the energy and life surrounded us all. My heart is with you in these sentimental days.
Kathy Jewell Myers

Kathy Myers - February 07, 2018 at 12:50 PM

GW

“ Tommy and played in several bands together as well as went to LMC together. I always had a great time hanging out with and will really miss that. We were able to reconnect a few years ago and that has been a great joy to me. I will miss you my friend and I'm praying for you all during the time of loss and mourning.

Greg Weir - February 06, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ I knew Tommy since 3rd grade playing little league. We played in several bands together, most recently Silverrock. He was always a happy guy with that infectious smile. I miss him beyond words. My most sincere condolences to all of his family and friends. RIP brother. :(

Mike Cortson - February 06, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Cortson - February 06, 2018 at 07:41 AM

KB

“ I was a member of Chosen Few back in the early 70's. So many fond memories of Tommy and all of them make me smile. He was so sweet and funny and just one of the “good guys!” I am sorry that I won't be able to be there Saturday but you all are in my prayers. Rest peacefully Tommy!

Kathy Klupp Blagburn - February 05, 2018 at 07:21 PM

CH

“ Charlie And Linda Hinz lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Krieger



Charlie and Linda Hinz - February 05, 2018 at 05:09 PM