



John Gitre Gordon

December 1, 1954 - June 10, 2018

John Gitre Gordon, 63, of South Boardman, passed away on June 10, 2018 at his home. He was born in Saint Clair Shores, MI on December 1st, 1954 to the late Raymond J. and Elizabeth A. (Hastings) Gordon. At age 13 his family moved north to a farm in Fife Lake, MI. This is where John's love and appreciation for the outdoors deepened. Nothing made him happier than sharing his love for the outdoors with his family, friends and often times mild acquaintances. In December 2017, John retired from a 45 year career in the oil and gas industry. He made many dear friends along the way and was always willing to lend his experience to others. John had a very simple strategy to life, "Work hard, and play harder." As a result, he packed as much life as you can into his 63 wonderful years. This truly unique man will be greatly missed by the many lives he impacted with his infectious passion for living. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Patti, his children Renae (Miller), Miles, and Matt Gordon; nine beloved grandchildren, eleven brothers and sisters, countless nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be held for friends and family from 1-8 PM on Friday, June 15, 2018 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..." John 11:25-26

Paul wrote, "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith not by sight, we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Cor 5:6-8

We mourn, and yet we rejoice as John has left his ailing body behind and has gone home to be with the Lord and Creator of everything he loved so well.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

VM

“ John was a great friend, I enjoyed working with him at Shell. John had a great outlook on life, he knew it was to be enjoyed. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. My condolences to Patti and the rest of the family.

Vern Miller - June 20, 2018 at 03:51 PM

AN

“ Sent a picture to John to see how well my new crossbow was shooting and he responded looks like a dead Brown Bear to me. I thought of John the whole time I was in Alaska and the many hunts we have been on over the years. He loved to teach and share his hunting and life skills with everyone. Well John this trip is for you I know you would have enjoyed it. We'll hunt again one day and I'll tell you all about it. To Patty and the whole family I'm truly sorry for your loss but you can be so proud of the positive impact that he's had on so many lives over the years. Looking forward to that next hunt with you, Rosey, Moosette, and my first Shorthair Gypsy who of course I got from John. Goodbye for now and happy hunting my friend.



Alan, Kim, Kevin, Jason, Aaron, and Nicol - June 19, 2018 at 07:39 PM

RB

“ John was the first OSR I encountered in the oil field. I was working floors at the time. I learned a lot from this man. He will forever be with me in what he passed on. I wish I could have worked with him forever. God rest his soul. I'll see you on the other side brother

Ryan Banik - June 16, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.



June 15, 2018 at 06:35 PM

LC

“ *The oilfield & community has lost a one of a kind legend. I am proud to call John a friend & a mentor. Many years ago John asked me if I would like to be a directional driller. I had serious doubts that I could ever do a job like his. But he was an excellent mentor. Back when it was a DD his kit box, & endless days, & nights on the doghouse bench. To all John was that was a friend from the first time you met him. His love of the outdoors was contagious. He always had time to take people canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hunting, skiing, & snowmobiling. His love was his bird dogs. We spent a lot of hours in the woods with Darla, Mousette, & Rosie.*

To Patti, & family our thoughts & prayers are with you. I will always treasure the times we shared on the rig, & the outdoors.

Larry & Robin Chernik



Larry Chernik - June 15, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 14, 2018 at 04:37 PM

RF

“ *Rocky and Lionie Fladeland purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



Rocky and Lionie Fladeland - June 14, 2018 at 02:24 PM

YT

“ *Your Oasis Drilling Team purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



Your Oasis Drilling Team - June 14, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 14, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 13, 2018 at 05:06 PM

LK

“ *John was a very kind man. Several years back, my youngest son worked for Mark in the oilfield. It was the first Christmas our family wasn't all together because Greg was in PA working on one of John's rigs. I felt so sad thinking of him being so far away, cold, not opening presents, or having any dinner. That night, Greg phoned to tell me that John called him, Travis, and the other crew members into his trailer and made them a Christmas dinner with ham, potatoes, corn, and pie (a feast). This is something a mother never forgets. I can never thank him enough for doing that for us. I have no doubt that John will be called home to sit with Jesus and have his Christmas feast. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Patti and John's family.*

Lorrie Kinney - June 13, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 13, 2018 at 10:08 AM

JM

“ *John, was a great guy. Always a pleasure to work with. Upbeat, friendly, professional.*

It was my honor to have known John and worked with for many years. My deepest condolences to Patti and the entire family.

*Sincerely,
Jon McBride*

Jon McBride - June 13, 2018 at 09:49 AM

MF

“ *Mark Kinney and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



Mark Kinney and Family - June 13, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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Lorrie Kinney - June 13, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 13, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 12, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 12, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Gitre Gordon.*



June 12, 2018 at 08:32 PM

LD

“ *I have some very nice memories of John and his family. I use to spend the night there when I was growing up and they always made me feel special! John was a real card and fun to be around. May he rest in peace!*

Laura Dupuie - June 12, 2018 at 06:21 PM