



John F. McLaughlin Jr.

July 2, 1977 - August 18, 2021

John F. McLaughlin, age 44, of Hobart, IN, entered eternal life on, August 18, 2021.

John was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William McLaughlin and Betty Carroll, maternal grandparents, John Erler and Katherine Plenius, his father, John McLaughlin Sr., his Uncle Ed Plenius, and his Aunt Linda Erler Wuenn.

John is survived by his son, Jordan D. McLaughlin ; mother Karen Erler; brother Aaron (Ressie) McLaughlin; two sisters: Debbie (Junior) Burgess & Traci, (Ryan) Gabriel; fiancé Tanya Sullivan: two nieces, Nicole and Emilee and two nephews, Mathew and Brandon and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

John was an avid Cubs & Bears fan. His family meant the world to him. He loved summertime and he loved family gatherings.

He always made people smile and laugh, and was always willing to listen to whatever you had to say. He was a true friend to those who were fortunate to call him their friend.

His faith in God was so very strong. He wasn't afraid to spread the Word of God to anyone. He was so proud to be a man of God.

His son, Jordan, was his pride and joy. He was totally devoted to his son and did everything he could to be the best dad he knew how to be.

John will be so missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, from 2:00 p.m., until the time of Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Time of Sharing

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ My sweet handsome big hearted son, I will forever miss you. My life has forever changed. When you left you took a huge part of my heart with you. I love and miss you more than words can define. Now you're singing and dancing with the angels. You are finally out of pain and you are happy. That is my only comfort. You are with your greatest idol, Jesus our savior. You will always be with me. I wish that I could have just one more day to be with you. I love you son. I miss your beautiful smile, your wonderful laughter, your April fools pranks, the way you loved me.

Karen Erler - August 23, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DG

“ My sweet little brother! My favorite memory is of you as a little boy. We were at Universal Studios California. It was April 1st, either 1983 or 1984. We were sitting towards the back of the tram. You yelled out “Look everybody, E.T.!!!” Everyone on the tram looked around. Then you said “April Fools!” You stole the show that day! I will forever miss your sense of humor. I will miss your smile that could light up a room. I will miss big bear hugs from you. Life will never be right again....there will forever be a huge void in my heart. I wish I could tell you one last time how much I love you.

Debbie Guernsey-Burgess - September 09, 2021 at 01:41 PM

AM

“ Johnny, I will miss you beyond words You were always my sidekick in all. For a while we did everything together. “Lean on Me” will forever be our song. I love you more the. You could ever have known. I miss you love, your Reeny Reeny

Amoreena - August 26, 2021 at 12:10 PM

AK

“ Johnny... I'm so sorry I can't be there today, the memory flooding my mind is how much you loved Michael Jackson as a little boy, with your glove, and your moonwalk! So many mor memories that I will forever cherish!
Rest well nephew, you are now with Jesus and I can only imagine the conversation you two are having!!

Aunt Kim - August 24, 2021 at 02:33 PM

KE

“ KE
Karen Erler
3 minutes ago
My dear son. My baby boy. We had 44 memory making years together. You were such a happy, fun, joyful little boy to raise. I could go on and on with the many memories! I love my Johnny and I will miss you for the rest of my life. The Lord called you home too soon. I understand that you are happy, struggle & pain free. That is all the gives me any comfort. I send you my love son and I'll see you again some day. 💔 life just won't be right without you.



Karen Erler - August 22, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DB

I'm So Sorry Karen 😞💔
So Young, Sendung Prayers for Comfort 🙏
May Johnny RIP 🙏🕊️❤️

Debbie Barbera - August 23, 2021 at 10:46 PM

TS

“ I’m so sorry my adopted McLaughlin family and (stepson) Jordan McLaughlin. My prayers are with all of us and pray that we get through these tough times the best we can. I was so FORTUNATE to call Johnny my childhood sweetheart and later in life my FIANCÉ, BEST FRIEND, AND LIFE PARTNER, and AMAZING FATHER. I was ever SO GRATEFUL to have the chance to help raise his son. I will NEVER forget him as long as I live!! And I will always continue to be a part of Jordan’s life and your if you let me. He always LOVED to sing into his hair brush and sing 🎤 and he was the BEST story teller I ever met! He had such a vivid imagination and could just wing it and tell you some of the funniest stories. He was so caring and such a good listener...he was a ROCK that you could always count on to lean on when you needed him. And the most AMZING PERSON I will have ever of met in my life!! THANK YOU Karen for raising such an AMZING MAN!! My heart goes out to you and your family and I THANK ALL OF YOU for making such a HUGE IMPACT on my life...I LOVE YOU ALL ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Rest In Peace my sweetheart, I will see you again and cannot wait for that moment when our Lord and you greet me in Heaven 😭

LOVE YOU ALWAYS & FOREVER

Tanya ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Tanya Sullivan - August 21, 2021 at 02:29 PM

AN

Johnny, Your smile lit up the room, and I always looked forward to visiting with you because you always made me laugh. I truly enjoyed your company every time we got together. I'm glad that I have so many good memories with you, but I really wish there could be more! I'm so very sorry this happened, and my heart breaks for all who loved him. I'll miss you so very much Johnny 💔 Rest in peace my beautiful cousin



Andrea - August 21, 2021 at 03:55 PM

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Karen Erler - August 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM