



John M. Grimes

June 17, 1965 - April 9, 2026

Celebrating the Life of John Michael Grimes

John Michael Grimes, born on June 17, 1965, in Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday morning, April 9, 2026, at the age of 60. He was surrounded by love as he departed to his eternal home.

A Life Filled with Laughter and Generosity

John was a comedic force in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey was marked by humor, spontaneity, generosity, fun, and laughter. He was always the life of the party. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and countless others whose lives he touched. John made a deep impact on everyone, fortunate enough to know him.

Family and Loved Ones

John is survived by his loving wife, Sandi; his beautiful children, Ashley Lyden, John Michael Grimes, and Niko Grimes; his adoring mother, Joanne Grimes; and his youngest sibling, Patrice (PATTI!!) (Neal) Miller. He also leaves behind his nephews Alex and Ryan Miller, nieces Jacquelyn DeBosschere and Ashley Gusek, as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins who shared his joyful spirit.

He was preceded in death by his protective father, Jack (John) Grimes; his older siblings, Laura Grimes and Denise DeBosschere; and dear mother-in-

law Arlene Gusek and brother-in-law, Bill Gusek.

Education and Career

John attended St. Francis Borgia grammar school with his wife and siblings, thriving in sports and simultaneously serving as an altar boy and getting into trouble. His mischievous nature kept his teachers alert. After high school, he served in the United States Army, worked at O'Hare Airport briefly, and began a career in healthcare purchasing at Evanston Northshore Hospital and Shriners Hospital for Children. John excelled in negotiations with vendors, building strong relationships through charm and humor.

Hobbies and Interests

Outside of work, John enjoyed bowling, golfing, relaxing, and spending time with family and friends. He was known for his generosity and big heart, always willing to lend a helping hand. John's love for country and history was reflected in the books he read, movies he enjoyed, the flags he raised, and the quizzes he gave to everyone (remember your state capitals!!), often catching people off guard. He was quick with a joke and loved a good prank. You could always count on John to have your back in any tough situation! Many of you have a memory or two that comes to mind.

Marriage and Family Gatherings

John and Sandi met in their late twenties and were married in Negril, Jamaica in 1999. Their relationship was built on love and laughter. They cherished hosting family and friends at their home, where John was the grill-master, ensuring guests were happy, comfortable, and well fed while everyone enjoyed swimming and relaxing in each other's company.

Legacy

Those who knew John will remember his infectious smile, overwhelming laughter, deep love for history and country, protective nature, and his rare

ability to make others smile and laugh no matter what the circumstances. His presence left a lasting impact, and he was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all caregivers and medical staff for your invaluable support, service, and friendship during John's journey.

Celebration of Life Service

The Celebration of Life service to honor John Michael Grimes will be held on April 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM at Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home, located at 7710 W Addison Street, Chicago, IL.

Although John's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, his spirit will continue to inspire and uplift those who knew him. May his memory be a blessing and his light forever shine brightly in our hearts.

The family will receive friends at Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home, 7710 W Addison Street, on Friday, April 17th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. John will be interred at Queen of Heaven.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven cemetery

1400 S Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL 60162

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home
7710 West Addison Street
Chicago, IL 60634
(773) 625-3444

Committal Service

APR 17 (CT)

Queen of Heaven cemetery
1400 S Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL 60162

Tribute Wall

SG

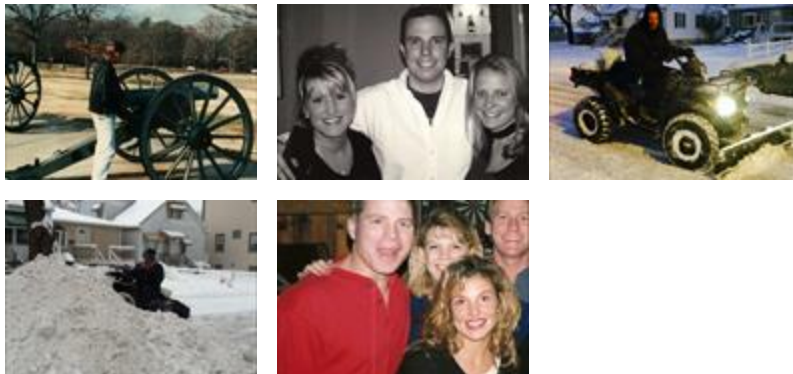
“ 71 files added to the album *Memory Lane*



Sandra Grimes - April 17 at 02:31 AM

SG

“ 10 files added to the album *Memory Lane*



Sandra Grimes - April 16 at 10:12 PM

AO

“ Our hearts are broken. You will be missed. John not only the comedian of our neighborhood, but the protector as well. Life of the party doesn't even begin to describe you, Ron, Ronnie and I have so many great memories with you and Sandi and Joanne. Life is short, love hard and John did just that. Our condolences to his children, his mom, his sister and his family and friends. Gone but not forgotten. All our love Ron, Ashley and Ronnie.

Ashley Okeefe - April 16 at 05:52 PM

RG

An "anchor" of our neighborhood for sure. A "void" will be here amongst his family, friends and us his neighbors. Every Halloween, John would be on tge front porch handing out candy and complimenting the kids on their costumes. Winter time when we had heavy snows, he and Ron O'Keefe would be on duty in their souped up bulldozer clearing the street for parking, and sidewalks for safe walking. Summertime, beautifying the property. When long time neighbors eventually leave their residences due to passing into their eternal life, those of us who trust God- know we will see each other again. However, in the interim, we will miss their footprint.

Ronald J Glowacki - April 16 at 07:22 PM

AO

Very well said Ron❤️

Ashley Okeefe - April 16 at 10:14 PM

DG

“ My condolences to John's family for their loss. John was a good friend and I have great memories. And classmates with Patrice at St. Francis Borgia. Blessings from the Dan Green family in Arizona!!

Daniel Green - April 16 at 04:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John M. Grimes.*



April 16 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John M. Grimes.

April 16 at 10:33 AM



“ *Kris and Eddie Vincent and Geri Vincent purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John M. Grimes.*



Kris and Eddie Vincent and Geri Vincent - April 15 at 10:37 PM



“ *Kris and Eddie Vincent and Geri Vincent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John M. Grimes.*

Kris and Eddie Vincent and Geri Vincent - April 15 at 10:37 PM

JA

“ John, Niko, Maria, Steffee, & Alba purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John M. Grimes.



John, Niko, Maria, Steffee, & Alba - April 15 at 06:25 PM

JA

“ John, Niko, Maria, Steffee, & Alba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John M. Grimes.

John, Niko, Maria, Steffee, & Alba - April 15 at 06:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Grimes.



April 15 at 04:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John M. Grimes.

April 15 at 04:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John M. Grimes.*



April 15 at 02:50 PM



“ *George & Juliette Asmar and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John M. Grimes.*



George & Juliette Asmar and Family - April 15 at 02:02 PM



“ *The Spadafore and Dzik Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John M. Grimes.*



The Spadafore and Dzik Families - April 15 at 12:42 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Grimes.*



April 15 at 12:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John M. Grimes.

April 15 at 12:38 PM



“ Sending my heartfelt and sincerest condolences to Patrice and Family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May Heaven welcome him with open arms, and may our Lord give you all comfort and peace as you bear this extreme loss. With love and prayers ... Pam Rockwell

Pam Rockwell - April 14 at 04:10 PM



“ Jon, Amy, Thomas, Kaitlyn, and Tess purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of John M. Grimes.



Jon, Amy, Thomas, Kaitlyn, and Tess - April 14 at 10:03 AM



“ With all of our love, Colen and Nancy purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of John M. Grimes.



With all of our love, Colen and Nancy - April 14 at 09:21 AM

KS

“ Kevin and Sharri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John M. Grimes.



Kevin and Sharri - April 13 at 07:49 PM

KS

“ Kevin and Sharri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John M. Grimes.

Kevin and Sharri - April 13 at 07:49 PM

JC

“ Jim and Kary Cramer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John M. Grimes.



Jim and Kary Cramer - April 13 at 06:18 PM

HA

“ Heather Ippolito and AI purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John M. Grimes.



Heather Ippolito and AI - April 13 at 04:23 PM