



John Blake Forist

January 18, 1965 - September 2, 2007

John Blake Forist was born on January 18, 1965 at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to parents John William Forist and Nell Nations Forist. John passed away in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 42 on Sunday, September 2, 2007 at home surrounded by his loving family and friends. John graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and from colleges including Incarnate Word and North Texas University. He earned a BA degree in Radio, TV and Film, with a minor in journalism. He was an avid reader, writer and accomplished in art, however his main interest and hobby for all of his life has been trains. He was an active member of the San Antonio Model Railroad Association "SAMRA". His first job was in Hollywood, California with the movie industry. He subsequently realized that the physical strength required to succeed in this field was not conducive to his health so he switched careers into computer technology via certification by Microsoft. His last job was a UTHSC in the public health sector, as computer tech. Annalist. He was diagnosed with a severe heart defect, with no cure at birth and expected to live only three months. He has now survived four open heart surgeries, by Dr. Denton Cooley and was scheduled for a fifth surgery, heart transplant. The centers in San Antonio could not or would not help him to reach this goal, so he turned to Houston Medical Center for help, however after a year's delay, he was so weak that a transplant could not be done. He is preceded in death by his father, John William Forist; aunt, Mary Ross; uncle, Carroll Nations; cousin, Bobby Anderson; and all grandparents. John is survived by his loving

mother, Dr. Nell Nations; sister, Jana Renelle Sellers, Kelly Sellers and children, Morgan Blake, Austin Kell, Chloe Elle; cousins, Kenneth Ross, Judy Hartman and aunt, Yvonne Anderson.

SERVICES

A visitation will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 PM on Friday, September 7, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A chapel service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with entombment to follow at Mission Burial Park North. Pallbearers will be Tom McDade, Kelly Sellers, Maurice Isaac, Kenneth Ross, Scott Merz and Lt. Steven Herrer. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Samra Inc. 7702 Narrow Pass, Live Oak, TX 78233.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Jesus said "greater miracles should I do after I am gone." As long as we remember John in our hearts, he's never truly gone. Let his inspiration for life and charity inspire us to do better for our neighbors, our families and ourselves. Cherish and celebr

Stephanie Lynn Maher - September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ John was alway fun to be around and had a way of wearing thoses lound and bright shirts of his that no one eles could pull off. We will miss his smile.

Carolene&Scott Brannam - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ As the former producer of "You Heard it Here" I lament to hear the loss of our friend John Forist who previously helped in videotaping the tv documentary show that made local history. When the the Applewhite TV Special aired on Time Warner cable, Water pr

Phillip Guerra - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ John, WE'LL MISS your upbeat attitude and wonderful smile! But just think: "Of all the blessings of heaven, one of the greatest is you!--God's magnum opus, his work of art. The angels...gasp. God's work completed. At last, you have a HEART like his. You w

Reid and Brenda Sellers - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dr.Nations, Renelle,
I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. I have a lot of
memories of him being the big brother who would not leave us
alone when we just wanted to play as little girls. Seems like I also
remember him scaring us with a haunted*

Kim Schutter Wodarz - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *A friend of Blake's mother and father, I remember Blake as a very
young child. I am glad his family had 42 years with him and am
sorry to hear of his passing.*

Dana Van Winkle Griffin - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

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RK

“ *My prayers and sorrow go out to John's family. Although we never
had a chance to meet, I feel as though I new him well. My dear
friend Raynel had such love for her brother she would talk about
him and update me on all he was doing when ever we crossed pa*

Rory Keeth - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. We are all blessed to have had this
wonderful person cross our paths at one point in our lives, in my
case, back in 1974! My family will keep John in our prayers.*

Lorena Bonilla-Pedraza - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Nell and family:
John had a wonderful 42 years of life thanks to your loving care. He was blessed to have your constant support and love. My prayers are that you be comforted now during this sad time. Much love
Marion

marion primomo, m.d. - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BI

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KW

“ I remember John's smiling face when I first met him back in 2002 at the School of Public Health. From then on he was one of the few people I would make a point to see everyday because he would put me in such good spirits. I will miss going to lunch, watch

Kim Wagner - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I am deeply saddened to learn about John's death. But I feel fortunate indeed to have been able to call him a friend -- although for just a short period of time.

I met John three short years ago when I joined the San Antonio Model Railroad Association

Gary E. Maitland - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I worked with John at Al's Hobby Stop for several year and I always enjoyed his presence. He has definately gone to a better place when he can play with his train until eternity.

Jim Atterberry - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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KS

“ John was a good friend of mine when I was a graduate student at UT School of Public Health in San Antonio. While I was the graduate assistant working at the school John would pop into my office several times during the day and always before he would leave

Kristin Shipman - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Dear Forist Family,
I met John at a hobby shop in the late 80's. We shared the same passion for trains as well as a good sense of humor. We would have each other laughing so hard we couldn't stand straight. My heart goes out to each of you. John was a g

David A. Zoch - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I liked John very much, mostly because he was so personable and good-humored. I had the best time with him working on modular layouts for SAMRA. I'm sure he's now running trains in a special place that the Lord provides for model railroaders.

Jim Temple - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Those of us who worked with John will miss him very much. He was always cheerful, always upbeat, even when he wasn't feeling well. All of us in the media and IT departments at all the campuses of the School of Public Health share your loss.

Mary McAtee - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Nell, Renelle and family,
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Peace be with you,
-Linda

Linda Williams - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Nell,
I haven't seen you in a long time, but I think about you and your family often. I am so sorry for your loss and I know that losing a child is one of the most difficult things to go through. My love and prayers are with you and your family. God

Peggy Trainor - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Nell, I have many fond memories of our youth, being in band together, and of working at the courthouse in our little town where Carroll was so respected. We talked of John's heart's condition when he was a baby. I know that all of you have cherished ev

Gwen Arnold - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Nell, Renelle and family: I grieve for you and your loss. I can't imagine losing a child & brother but you know that he's with Jesus; you know he's happy and you know he hurts no more. I love you all and will see you Saturday. Gina will not be able to*

Maria Holmes-Garcia - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM