



John Patrick Grosskopf

September 16, 1966 - July 27, 2020

John Patrick Grosskopf entered into eternal rest with his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ on July 27, 2020. He was born September 16, 1966 in San Antonio, Texas and attended Southside High School, graduating as class Salutatorian in 1985. Following high school, John attended Texas Christian University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Radio, Television and Film studies in 1989. In 1990, he began a 30 year career as an elementary school teacher and administrator in the San Antonio Southside and Austin Texas Independent School Districts. In 2002, John graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master's Degree in Education Administration. After completing graduate school, John was the assistant principal at Gallardo Elementary School and Director of Transportation for the Southside ISD. He was also an assistant principal for Cornerstone Christian School in San Antonio. He maintained a passion for movies, television, and radio amassing a significant audio and video library in his home.

John is survived by the love of his life and wife of 30 years, Kathy Ferguson-Grosskopf, two brothers and their wives, Art and Mamie Grosskopf, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas; Mike and Lindy Grosskopf of Yorktown, TX; and sister and her husband DJ and Jorge Gonzalez of Houston, Texas. He is also survived by brother in law and wife, Joe and Anabel Ferguson of Eagle Pass, Texas, and sister in law and husband, Roxie and Eddie Garza de Haro of Austin, Texas. At the time of his passing, John had 14 nieces and nephews, and 20

grandnieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Kermit and Patty Jean Grosskopf of San Antonio, Texas, his father and mother in law, Sonny and Olga Ferguson of Eagle Pass, Texas, and brother in law, Ed Ferguson of Fort Stockton, Texas.

A memorial service celebrating John's life will be held at Talley Road Baptist Church, 3120 Talley Road, San Antonio, Texas at 1:00 pm, August 22, 2020. Due to current pandemic restrictions, only family members will be allowed to attend the memorial service, however, the service will be livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel, TRBC SA.

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South of San Antonio is in charge of final arrangements and will host a memory page in honor of John. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that cash or check donations be made to the John Grosskopf Memorial Fund, C/O Talley Road Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Talley Road Baptist Church
3120 Talley Road
San Antonio, TX 78253

Tribute Wall

RL

“ John and I were academic rivals in school, and that cast a shadow over our relationship the whole time. After high school, though, we got along tremendously, enjoying shared interests and history. I remember science fiction movies with new details, an afternoon with the DeVaneys who taught us English in junior high, and seeing his classrooms at school.

I've been in Houston for a long time now, but the news of John's passing came as a bolt from the blue. He is gone from us too early, but we are better because he was here. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. May happy memories of John ease your hearts.

Robert Lynch - August 22, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SG

“ Our Prayers are sent for family and friends to find Peace and Comfort. 🙏
Sherry Jaecks and Luis
Shaun Tyler Daniel Rebecca.

Sherry Jaecks and Luis Garcia - August 20, 2020 at 05:10 PM

CB

“ I have fond memories of Mr. G. He was a very smart and funny man that was always pleasant to be around. We worked together for about 3 years. He'll be missed.

Christopher Barratachea - August 15, 2020 at 02:09 PM

GD

“ My love to Kathy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I will always remember John and his movies and his incredible laugh. May you rest in Gods eternal peace, John. -Kathy, you will be in my heartfelt prayers. 🙏💕

Gayle Daniel - August 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ John was a great man who will be dearly missed. I always appreciated his wisdom and knowledge of the arts. He knew when you needed help and always offered his life experience to help someone cope with whatever they were dealing with.



We lost a great human being however heaven gained an angel.

Michael Rodriguez Jr. - August 08, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DB

“ Our codolences to the Grosskopf family. Rest in Pease John. God Bless.

Sincerely---- David & Sharon Brown

d brown - August 08, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ On behalf of the Pearce Primary Family of educators, I would like to extend condolences to John's family and loved ones. Prayers for strength during this difficult time.

Robert Urbanowicz - August 08, 2020 at 01:42 AM

YL

“ Our condolences to the family of my coworker at Gallardo Elementary. My husband and I, John and Yolanda Lujan pray for God's peace for the family during this trying time.

Yolanda Lujan - August 07, 2020 at 10:31 PM

JA

“ My Condolences to the family, I remember John and Kathy while I was growing up. I knew my father Kenneth was a close friend. You will be missed by many John, I know your looking down on us with my father.

James Autobee - August 07, 2020 at 09:00 PM

JJ

“ Condolences to the Grosskopf family.

Jack Jones - August 07, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GA

“ My condolences to the Grosskopf family during this time of mourning. John surely will be missed by many and he and his family will be in my prayers.
George Autobee



George Autobee - August 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM

SH

“ I have known John for an extremely long time, since Elementary to the senior class of 1985. We got the privilege to work together in our later years for Southside ISD. It was great seeing him. My last encounter was at Eugene Talbert's funeral where he gave a beautiful eulogy. My condolences to his wife and Family. Keep'um laughing in Heaven Grosskopf


Sharon (Council) Cardenas

Sharon - August 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CM

“ I worked with John at Losoya Intermediate, when he was with Southside. He was an awesome Teacher. I loved his sense of humor!! Never a dull moment, when John was around. My Prayers go out to Kathy, and the rest of his family. May he rest in God's paradise.

Coach Maria Mendez - August 07, 2020 at 03:02 PM

 Susan Hartzog

“ From the first time we met, John was like another kid to us. He was always so interesting to talk to. He was just like a book of knowledge and you could always rely on him to be smart and funny, and just a great friend. He will be missed. God has a great new Angel.

With sadness for him gone too soon

Earl and Sue Hartzog

Susan Hartzog - August 07, 2020 at 10:23 AM

CK

“ John is my good friend. We have a common love of God and movies. We would spend hours sitting in his living room talking about life, work, and Star Wars. John always made me feel loved and important even in times that I may not have shown it to him. He is a great Christian man, educator, and friend.

Once or twice a month I'd go to John's house to watch movies in his amazing man movie cave. It is adorned with Star Wars memorabilia, ancient and obscure movies in every medium possible, and a large couch. When entering the cave, John would proclaim his half of the couch and give a warning to me every time: "No farting." It made me chuckle every time. Watching movies with John was not simple entertainment...it was a ritual. We always had a theme, would discuss our memories of the movie over snacks and drinks, and then he would prepare the television. Oh he prepared the television! As he was explaining to me different levels of black, lighting, types of film (things I knew of but didn't understand) he would tape out the bottom and top of the television with black strips to ensure the aspect ratio and presentation of the movie was just right. There was very little talking during the movies, but after we would direct it hours into the wee hours of the evening.

Like his love and presentation of movies, I admired John for his passion and the candid way way that he would express his beliefs. He didn't have a shred of fear or trepidation when sharing God with someone that may not have been saved. He was unapologetic about the his work and I envied his ability to be immune to organizational politics. Yes, he was stubborn, but it was the type of stubborn that you would want backing you up in battle. Someone who would fight the good fight with you and make you laugh hysterically over drinks afterward.

I love my friend. I will miss him so very much. There will always be a part of me missing while I am still on this earth, because I cannot watch movies with my friend.

I think its only appropriate to sum up my feelings on John with a modified quote from one of my favorite movies...The Shawshank Redemption:

“Sometimes it makes me sad though– John being gone. I have to remind myself that some birds aren’t meant to be caged. Their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does rejoice. But still, the place you live in is that much more gray and empty that they’re gone. I guess I just miss my friend.

I hope to see my friend, and shake his hand. I hope heaven is more beautiful than it has been in my dreams. I hope.”

My condolences to Kathy and John’s whole family. I love you very much.

Chris Kennedy

Chris Kennedy - August 07, 2020 at 09:25 AM

CK

“*My deepest condolences to Kathy and the Rest of the family. John I have known you most of my life. You were like family. You were my brother Kenny’s best friend. He always spoke highly of you and always talked about you. You had a very kind and genuine soul. You always made us laugh. Thank you for visiting my parents and keeping in contact with me and Kenny’s sons after he passed. I remember when you first met Kathy and brought her to Kenny’s home so we could meet her. You were so excited and y’all fit perfectly together. May you Rest in Peace. Hug my brother for me. I am sure y’all will pick up right where you left off. Sorry I can’t attend the services. I will be there spiritually. Much love to the family.*

Celeste Autobee Kierstead - August 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JE

“ I remember the day John entered the school science fair and won for his entry. He was very smart and gifted. I also remember him telling me he was assistant principal at Gallardo when I was there for a ceremony. Thanks for the memories John you're in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

John Esparza - August 06, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ This is my favorite picture of John and I - this was taken at his home on my wedding day. John stood for me as my “man of honor” for the ceremony - I am thankful to have this memory.



Djenadi Gonzalez - August 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM