



John Paul Brinkman

March 6, 1953 - May 7, 2016

John Paul Brinkman, of Cedar Hill, Missouri was born March 6, 1953, in Quincy, Illinois, to Chester and Jean (nee Bywater) Brinkman, and entered into rest, Saturday, May 7, 2016, at St Clare Health Center in Fenton, Missouri, at the age of 63 years, 2 months and 1 day.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by,

His loving wife of 40 years, Ellen (nee Lanham) Brinkman of Cedar Hill, Missouri,

One (1) son, Stephen Brinkman of Cedar Hill, Missouri,

One (1) brother, William Chester (Jay) Brinkman of Ft Collins, Colorado,

Brother and sister in laws, Frances (Ron) Robbins, Reta (Marc) Dabney, Leta (John) Bozek, Lois (Mark) Sayre Rysdam, Fred Lanham, Edward (Billie) Lanham, Dick (Sherri) Lanham and Beverly (Garrett) Wallins,

Many nieces, nephews, coworkers and friends

John enjoyed photography, traveling with his family to Colorado, computer games and enjoying a good meal with family and friends. He had worked for Magellan Health Service in Maryland Heights for the last sixteen years. John had made many lifetime friends who always loved his sense of humor and ready smile. He was a generous soul who never failed to offer his hand to anyone. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until time of service of 7:00 p.m., at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Visitation also on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Norman Funeral Home, 402 West Washington Street, Lancaster, Missouri 63548. Interment at Arni Memorial Cemetery, Lancaster, Missouri. Memorials may be made to the Arni Memorial Cemetery Fund, care of Norman Funeral Home, 402 West Washington Street, Lancaster, MO 63548 or the Big River Ambulance District, 6321 Lorens Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Norman Funeral Home
402 West Washington Street
Lancaster, MO

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Norman Funeral Home
402 West Washington Street
Lancaster, MO

Committal

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

Arni Memorial Cemetery
Lancaster, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul Brinkman*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *John grew up in Liberty Il and in the Zion Lutheran Church. My dad and I talked to him one memorial day several years ago when he was visiting his parents at their resting place. Good man. Zion Lutheran sends condolences to family and friends. You were in our prayers today. LeAnne Balzer*

LeAnne Balzer - May 15, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Paul Brinkman.*



May 12, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *I've heard that who we are is what we leave behind. John left love, kindness, generosity, laughter and friendship. I'm so proud to have had him as my little brother... although he was taller than me.*

Bill Brinkman

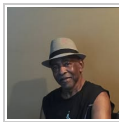
william brinkman - May 12, 2016 at 09:20 AM

VS

“ John was a great man with a huge heart. I worked with him at Magellan and will miss his humour. His attitude was always upbeat ... Anytime I'd ask, "how ya doin" his response was always "couldn't be better"

Peace, brother

Vince Selders - May 09, 2016 at 08:45 PM



So sorry to hear about Big John, rest in peace and love brother

James Newman - May 10, 2016 at 06:29 AM

DS

I have known John a long time, we had worked together at NaviSys before coming to Magellan. In all of that time, I have never heard him utter an unkind word about anyone nor do an unkind act. I believe he was a lot like Will Rogers in that respect. A couple of Will's quotes that I think John could have said are

"I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didn't like."

"There are three kinds of men. The ones that learn by readin'. The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."

John has been a friend at work to me as he was to so many and I will miss him. Dave Simon

Dave Simon - May 10, 2016 at 07:25 AM

DG

i always loved John. He was a great guy and so much fun to talk to. We met more times than not at the coffee pot early in the morning. I could say that it was the chats with John that got my day going moreso than the coffee. The Earth is a lonelier place without him.

Dolly Geier - May 10, 2016 at 08:05 AM

MW

I worked with John at Magellan for the last 14 years. John never failed to bring a smile to my face with his unique observations and dry sense of humor. John got to work early and usually started the coffee. He always said that was his most important job of the day. We had breakfast with John most mornings and he will be greatly missed. Although if truth be told, I am sure he enjoyed the breakfast more than our company. :) You will be missed John. Work will be a lot less enjoyable without you.

Mike Williams

Mike Williams - May 10, 2016 at 08:43 AM

LS

Remember that our grieving is not for the one that has gone on to the peace found in heaven (And certainly that is where John's soul lives on today), but for those who remain behind. I've known John for my entire 15 years at Magellan and I can honestly say that I have never known a more pleasant, friendly and truly gentle soul like John in my life. I looked forward every day to this gentle giant rumbling down the hall toward me where we would exchange our pleasantries and I never knew what was going to come out of his mouth, but was sure it was going to make me smile...And it did! We would jockey for position in front of the coffee pot and every day I offered to buy him a new coffee mug to replace that gawd awful one he had, which looked like it hadn't been washed in my 15 years here, but he stood firm and said it gave his coffee flavor. There is only one John Brinkman and no other individual by any name will ever be able to take his place in the hearts of his many friends at Magellan. I will miss you buddy.

Lee Schmidt - May 10, 2016 at 04:04 PM

LQ

What a loss to all the world! I first met John in 1983 when he helped move a big, old upright piano for us. At our next meeting he showed me x-rays of his motorcycle wreck injuries. (A little more info than I needed, but that was John.) We played lots of cards with Ellen and John, had many meals together and so many good times. I remember once I called and invited them to dinner; Ellen said she didn't think so because she wasn't feeling too well. I asked, "Oh, darn, do you have the flu?" And she replied, "No, I'm pregnant!" I had to sit down! He always made me laugh; he was always, always madly in love with the love of his life, Ellen, and wasn't afraid to show it. There's no one like him. I'm so grateful to have had him - and Ellen and Stephen - in my life!! Keep the coffee warm, Big John, we'll be together again soon!

LuEmma Quinn - May 10, 2016 at 05:23 PM

EB

My darling John was my soulmate for the "short" time that I was allowed to share his life with him, and my heart will be forever broken without him in my daily life. I feel that was fate that brought us together and our love that kept us together through all the trials that we faced together. I will be hanging on to the memories of our life to get me through the days, weeks and months to come. If anyone feels that they don't appreciate their spouse enough, wake up. It can change in a blink to you, too!

Ellen Brinkman, my eternal love to you!

Ellen Brinkman - May 10, 2016 at 11:04 PM