



## John Hodorek

February 23, 1962 - February 23, 2012

JOHN E. HODOREK age 50 of Merrillville passed away on Thursday February 23 2012. He is survived by his mother Louise Hodorek of Merrillville sister Karen (Dan) Blann of Bloomington IN companion Debra Bieker of Crown Point daughter Jayme (Josh) Powell and grandson Ian Powell both of Reedsburg WI nieces and nephews Molly McCoy Jesse and Ryan Blann and his beloved dog Jake. Preceded in death by father Edward J. Hodorek. John and his companion Debra were the co-owners of American Military Surplus in Crown Point. He was a graduate of Merrillville High School Class of 1979. John was a commercial saturation diver and was a diver with the Lake County Sheriffs Department. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1981-1998 during Operation Desert Storm and was honorably discharged as an E-6. He was a current member of the U.S. Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary #3302. John was a volunteer with the Ross Township Fire Department Station #4. John was an avid pilot and boater loving anything to do with the water. Family and friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service (6360 Broadway Merrillville) on Sunday February 26 2012 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held on Monday February 27 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the Pruzin Brothers Chapel. At rest Calumet Park Cemetery Merrillville.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Having been in the Navy and now a member of the Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron. I to was a member of the Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Department. I can see a lot of things that are similar we shared. Every one who has served in our Armed Forces. is a hero and John is one of them. The Navy hymn starts out with the words sung Eternal father strong to save. John was truly one of the strong. P/Cs Bud and Caryl Lemke.

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**Bud and Caryl Lemke** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My sincerest condolences to the Hodorek family. Paul Channell Lake Ridge Fire Dept.

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**Paul Channell** - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am sorry for your loss John was a good man. The world will miss his smile ! Rest in peace.

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**Scott Grady** - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ Having grown up across the street Ive known John his entire life and will miss him dearly. He was like a big brother to my son Dan and he was always there for my Mom and Dad. Always helpful and thinking of others was the way he lived his life.

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**Irene Comerford** - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Johns passing and wish to extend our sincere sympathies and condolences to the Hodorek family. John was a valuable member of our organization and will be greatly missed.

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**Jon Wallace Co-founder** - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Vicky Warren Bolvin** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We will miss John - not only was he a patriot businessman father and a friend he was an overall good person to be around. I had the chance to work with John at Noble Romans Pizza. He was a worker you could count on to give 100%. Later I had the opportunity to reconnect with John and I am glad I did. Loved listening to his stories of the military. You will be very missed John.

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**Donald Smith CPA** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Deb so sorry to here Al and I are in Flordia with my mom or you know we would of been their. Keep the faith Love Al & Sherry

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**Al & Sherry Vidal** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ You will be missed by many John. May you R.I.P. my friend. To Debbie and family my thoughts and prayers are with you all with love!

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**Kathi hein** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *To all of Johns family I am so sorry for your loss. John will be remembered by all of us at Wolfs Marine not just as a customer but also as a friend.*

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**chris myers** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *John was a great person and helpful of others whenever possible. He will absolutely be missed on F-Dock. It will not be the same without him.*

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**Scott and Sherry Praxl** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM