



John Janik

March 8, 1945 - March 8, 2008

JOHN J. JANIK age 63 of Crown Point formerly of Merrillville passed away Saturday March 8 2008. Survived by wife Lee of 37 years 2 sons: Ted (Chris) Janik of Valparaiso and John (Bridgette) Janik III of Hudsonville Michigan 3 grandsons: Nathan Austin & John Paul Janik sister JoanMarie (Don) Brenner of Arizona step-mother Elaine Janik of Dyer step-sister Bernadette (Ed) Pratl of Evergreen Park IL and many aunts uncles nieces nephews & cousins. Preceded in death by parents John & Mary (nee Lazur) Janik. Mr. Janik was a member of St. Matthias Catholic Church and a former member of St. Bridget & S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Churches and their parish councils. John was the president and CEO of the Merrillville Chamber of Commerce for 28 years a member of the Merrillville Education Foundation founding member of the Regional Development Authority a Charter Board member of the Regional Chamber Initiative and was the original advocate for the Purdue Technology Center in Merrillville. He was the past president of the Merrillville Rotary and the former president of the Northwest Indiana Chamber Executives. John was very active in sports being the former president of the Andrean High School Athletic Association coach of the Hobart Little League Soccer & Basketball Leagues. A graduate of Whiting High School Class of 1963 he then received his B.S. from P.U.C. in 1967 and his M.B.A. from I.U.N. in 1974. John was an Army veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and a member of the American Legion Post 369. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville on Tuesday from 2-8 P.M. with a prayer service at 4:00 P.M. and a

Legion service at 6:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held Wednesday March 12 2008 at 9:15 A.M. from the Pruzin Brothers Chapel and 10:00 A.M. from St. Matthias Catholic Church (101 W. Burrell Dr. Crown Point) with Rev. Dennis Teles officiating. Cremation to follow services at church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Northwestern Memorial Hospital Cancer Research Foundation (676 N. St. Clair St. Suite 2050 Chicago IL 60611) or St. Anthony's Burrell Cancer Institute. Please click on the following link to view John's Tribute video. <http://videos.lifetributes.com/12796>

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Lee and family just want you to know our deepest symphathy and prayers are with you. Although we did get to see each other that often I always looked forward to getting together with you. We had many great time and laughs thanks to John. God Bless you Lee and your family. We will miss him but never forget him!

Dan & Sally Caesar - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Words cannot heal the pain of losing someone so dear. May God give you strength comfort and peace with His wonderful grace. Love & Prayers Bill & Kathy

Bill & Kathy Gallagher - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE JANIK FAMILY MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU. JOHN WAS A VERY DEAR FRIEND AND CUSTOMER OF THE BULK MAIL UNIT IN GARY IN. HE ALSO WAS MY REAL ESTATE AGENT IN 2004 AND HELPED ME TO PURCHASE MY HOME HERE IN GARY. JOHN HAD ALOT OF PATIENCE WITH ME DURING THE TIME OF MY HOME BUYING. I AM BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN JOHN FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS WORKING HIS BULK MAIL FOR HIM WHEN HE CAME INTO THE BULK MAIL UNIT. ONE OF THE NICEST SINCEREST AND TRUSTING INDIVIDUALS I HAVE EVER KNOWN. COZETTE McCOY (FORD)

COZETTE McCOY (FORD) - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Janik Family Please accept my deepest sympathy. May your memories give you comfort and time lessen your sorrow.

Lynn Glodkowski - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ To the Family of a Great Man I will personally miss John because of his caring and positive attitude towards helping me expand my business. He always had a listening ear and give me advise on how to handle business matters. He truly walked the walk and talked the talk. May Jehovah God Bless all of you in your time of bereavement.
Vanessa Willis Gary IN

Vanessa E. Willis - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the entire family. John and I worked together for years in the Chamber of Commerce profession. He was a true leader and innovator. John will be missed by all.

Rod & Benita Henry - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Lee and Family My thoughts and prayers are with you. John made a huge difference in the growth and development of the Town of Merrillville. He will be missed by many. Leel will visit with you in the near future since I understand that we are working in the same building. I am currently out on disability from work since I was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer after running the Chicago Marathon. I am taking my Chemo treatments at Northwestern.

Tom Szmagaj - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ please accept my deepest sympathy on Johns passing he was such a wonderful person - - I was introduced to John a number of years ago through Dennis Berkebile and am a better person for it - - May God Bless you and yours

Randy Ryba - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *My sympathies to the family. Our relationship developed through Rotary and our get togethers were always especially enjoyable. Many blessings to the family.*

Al Diefenbach - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *John will be greatly missed. He was a leader in the community a great Rotarian and a good friend. My condolences to his family at this difficult time. Tom & Virginia Moriarty*

Tom & Virginia Moriarty - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *It is with much sadness that I offer my condolences to Lee and the boys. But I can rejoice in the knowledge that because John was a believer he is now enjoying his time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And knowing John he is already organizing some sort of Chamber event in Heaven and he can not wait for all of us to join him and experience the glory that the Lord has promised He will share with us.*

Dennis J. Berkebile - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *John was an amazing friend to our family. His laughter and friendship will be missed but his memory will live on in our hearts always. With love Liz Steve and Agnes Anderson*

Liz Mayer Anderson - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ John was my friend and mentor but most of all I will remember John for his beautiful smile twinkling blue eyes and his magnificent heart. My condolences to Johns family.

Linda Schlyer - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Dear Lee Id like to extend my deepest sympathies in the recent loss of your husband. My hope for you and your family is to find comfort in the many memories you have shared throughout your 37 years of marriage. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Best regards Lynne

Lynne Vriesman - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lee Ted John and families I was very deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Sincerely Erinne (VanHazebroeck) Isley

Erinne Isley - March 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM