



John L. Gubbins

May 11, 1956 - November 25, 2019

John Lawrence Gubbins of Columbus, Ohio, traveled to the Spirit in the Sky on Monday, November 25th, 2019, due to post surgery heart failure. He was born on May 11th, 1956, in Oklahoma City, the son of Robert John Gubbins and Ollie May Gubbins (Wilson). He married Virginia Grant-Gubbins on March 6th, 1985 at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio and they've one son, Joel Grant-Gubbins. John's passion for caring for others led to a career in administrative work at OSU Hospital as a ward clerk on the Neonatal ICU where he was known to comfort concerned parents. He resided in the OSU District area for more than 40 years.

John's love of music, especially the rock scene, was expressed in his early life as a roadie for two legendary Columbus rock bands - The Grapes and The Load. He would later find joy in his off hours hanging out at Crazy Mama's Club with his friends. In the last 30 years he would relish encouraging a love of music and life with Joel and his nieces and nephews.

John's passing is preceded by his parents Robert and Ollie, stepmother Shirley Gubbins, and brothers Robert William Gubbins and Thomas Richard Gubbins.

John is recalled as precocious, witty, gentle, friendly, and good with children by the following surviving family members: wife Virginia, son Joel; sister Mary E Holiday (Darrel); brothers Gerald Michael Gubbins and Donald James Gubbins (Lucile); stepsisters Cheryl Feil, Lynn Evers Ertman (Peter), Juliann Woods (James). Also surviving are nieces Beth Anne Gubbins, Melinda

Gubbins, and Sarah Holiday; nephews Robert E. Gubbins, Randy Standard, Jeremiah Standard, and Samuel Standard; and children of above and friends. A Memorial Service celebrating John's life and legacy of kindness is planned for 7:00pm on Friday, December 6th, at Community of Christ Church, 235 E. Tompkins St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 (ie, S.E. corner of Medary Ave. and E. Tompkins St.).

See: [Community of Christ Google Map Link](#)

Private Inurnment (TBD) at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lockbourne, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association are suggested.

Tribute Wall



“ *John L. Gubbins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *John was as kind and gentle a person one could be. Always a smile. Will always appreciate the help he gave to our bands The Load and The Grayps, and his presence in many social functions over the years.*

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“ *Well, that is a perfect obit for our dear friend, so many amazing times with John, and Don, like countless hours of great times. Hanging on Country Club road at the house, riding our bikes everywhere, up to Mid Ohio for the car races. So many gigs with The Load and The Grayps, The Ohio Theater, Towers Music Extravaganza, Moonshine Co-Op, Mr Brown's, So much fun! I really cannot even believe this , very sad. :(*

Tom Smith - November 30, 2019 at 11:54 PM