



John Allen Kirkham

June 5, 1959 - February 3, 2012

John Allen, son of Frances Dean (French) and Richard Henry Kirkham was born on June 5, 1959 at Alva. He passed away at his home on the 3rd of February at the age of 52 years, 7 months and 29 days

John attended the Alva System and graduated with the class of 1977 and attended the Colorado Institute of Art.

On October 18, 1980 in Alva he was married to Mary Bemelmans. To their marriage

two sons, Ian and Simon were born.

He and his father farmed together and he did some art work.

He was a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church and a past Governor of the Alva Moose Lodge.

Mr. Kirkham was preceded in death by his father on January 17, 2009 and his grandparents.

John is survived by Mary, two sons, Ian and Simon, his mother, Frances. A special cousin, Bill who lived with them while in college at Northwestern, several other cousins, relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

T1

“ Our class wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to John's family. We will miss our beloved classmate!

The Class of 1977 - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ John you were a great friend and I will always remember the last time I saw you. It was at the Hard Rock in Tulsa where we had our last class reunion.. I too was in the Alva Hospital when you were born. You were 3 days older than me. May you now find peace. You are celebrating with your father. Miss you. TAMRA

Tamra (Nelson) Martin - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ You were a great friend. You will be missed by many.

John Ray Evans - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I was born in the Alva General Hospital June 3rd two days before John. He loved to tell people that he saw me naked!! And as he wished I had the honor of being there when he passed on to a whole new dimension. I will miss our long talks and text messages. Words that remind me of our beloved John: talented, loving, kindhearted,gentleman,witty, brave, charming, dependable, selfless, tender, knowledgeable,eloquent, ornery, strong, caring, eccentric and sharing. I will never forget you my friend or the memories

Julie Davison Helm - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Thinking of all the fun times we shared in Westbrook Park days....oh, those many pinochle card games. I'm sure Mim and I let you and the Bitt win :) You are missed !

Kerry - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Frances, Mary, Ian, Simon

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. John was an amazing individual. We will miss him.

David & Roberta Hein - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I first met John at Bitronics in Bethlehem, PA. He started to work there a few months after I started. John was definitely different, but in a great way. We quickly became friends. We talked at length about Star Trek and other movies. In fact, John had a habit of staying up late to watch movies. I would crack up when I would see John doze off at work with a soldering iron in his hand. How he didn't fall over or burn himself is still a mystery. When he and I were promoted and became supervisors of our own departments we quickly spoke out to the owners for our employees rights and pay increases. We both nearly got fired but, we didn't care. We stood up for people who did not have a voice otherwise. That proves what kind of man John was. He loved to play Stratego. I played it with him a few times. He, of course, won every time. I will miss him. To his family I give my condolences. Cherish his memories. Each time you tell a story about him or think of a special moment he lives on. He will always live on in your hearts. God Bless.

Gary Crivellaro - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To John's Family, When John was in high school, he spent a lot of after school days with my daughter & Charles, in my home, listening to music & hanging out as teenagers do. I've always thought a lot of John & felt my daughters were safe with him & his friends. I have always held him up in high esteem & respect. He had a great smile & very friendly to everyone.

Jewel LeDou - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Although 40yrs and more have passed you continue to walk in my memories as my friend. Peaceful journey John Allen.

Jeff Varner - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ You will be missed.

mary kirkham - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ we're praying for you. words really don't help much so just know that we truly care! love vetta (travis fouch's mom)

vetta woodard & family - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ John hurts no more. He was never truly understood in high school. A gifted artist, he was re-channeled into a farmer. A fierce friend with a gentle heart. I'll miss him, as we all will.

Ida Evans - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To a great friend, funny, and full of life. We met as artist at Colorado Institute of Art, and were friends every since.

To the family, a special passage from the Tehillim (Psalms)

34:19

The Lord is near to the broken hearted

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My kindness and prayers go out to all of you.

Paul Cochnauer - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ You were an awesome amazing individual John and will be truly missed by so many...we are all honored to have your footprints in our hearts my dear friend...May your family and friends find peace in God, their faith, family and friends...God has truly taken one of the best home..to guard over us..Am so blessed to have known you my friend....

Carlotta - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I will miss those emails, your wit, charm and smile my friend and with every episode of Dr. WHO think upon you. From "FeFe" to friend I will be forever grateful that our lives intertwined. My love and prayers always dear friends Mary, Ian and Simon.

Jennifer A. Schultz - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZW

“ *I was proud to call John a friend and am thankful I have so many great memories of our friendship.*

Zach Williams - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Our sympathy on the loss of John. We have many shared memories to treasure.*

Bill & Brenda Kirkham - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *May God surround you with His peace & comfort during this difficult time.*

Pam (Herren) Merrill - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Well old friend, I wish I had something elequant to say. I'm proud to have called you friend. I'm happy to have you woven in the fabric of my life. I'll miss the "what's up buddy" when you'd see me. I'll miss the steak dinners with you at the Moose. But most of all I'll miss your childish spirit.*

You're one step closer to knowing now John.

Love you my friend and have a safe journey.

Jeff McAlpin - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Francis, Mary, Ian and Simon,

I can't imagine how hard this must be for all of you. As hard as it is for the rest of us, I'm sure the amount of pain you feel from losing John is a hundred times worse. He was very much loved and will be greatly missed. I'm also aware of how hard this is for my sister. John was always there for her when she went through some hard times...just as she has been there for him. I can't imagine what it's like to lose one's "BEST" friend. (I love you, Sis, and I'm here for you!)

John,

I will miss your smile, your laugh, your witty humor and your terrible (most of the time) jokes! We've had some great times and made some wonderful memories, and I will never, ever forget you!! Love Ya!

Diane McAlpin - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ R.I.P. my friend you were such a funny man was good to know you.

Mel Stout - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM