



John Szabina

October 12, 1932 - April 22, 2017

John "Johnny" Szabina of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017, with his family at his side, at the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 10 days. He was born on October 12, 1932 in Kunhegyes Hungary to Imre Szabina and Julianna Pontos Szabina.

John came to the United States in 1956, along with 3 others, during the Hungarian Revolution. He found his way to Muskogee, Oklahoma where he was sponsored by the Catholic Church and made it his home. In 1956, he began his first job working in a cake shop and soon begin a career at Advance Laundry, now known as Superior Linen, as a maintenance engineer. He applied for and gained US citizenship in 1962. John retired from Superior Linen in 2014 after 50+ years of service.

John considered himself very blessed when he married his best friend, Wanda Potter, on August 1, 1959 in Muskogee, OK. They shared more than 58 years of life and marriage together.

John will be remembered as a happy soul who always had an encouraging smile and could always be counted on to lend a helping hand to all. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family. His hobbies included bowling, playing golf, spending time in his yard, and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 sisters, Julianna, Guyla, Gizella, Ilonna, and; 2 brothers, Jutka and Mihlly.

John is survived by wife, Wanda; son, Steve Szabina and wife Marnie; grandsons, Gordon Szabina and Seth Szabina.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. John Davis officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *John Szabina*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him for the 5 years I lived in Muskogee but the memories I'll always remember were the times we shared on the golf course with Doc James and Frank. Rest in peace Johnny.*

Kevin English - April 25, 2017 at 11:39 PM



Thank You for sharing

Steve Szabina - April 26, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 24, 2017 at 04:50 PM

DJ

“ *Bowled and worked with Johnny for years. So many great memories. I will miss you my friend. Prayers Wanda and Steve as you go through this difficult time. You have to know if you need anything there are many of us available. If you need anything please do us the honor and ask for the help.*

Don Jones - April 24, 2017 at 09:36 AM

SS

Thank You Don we appreciate your friendship.

Steve Szabina - April 25, 2017 at 12:33 AM

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“ *A Beloved Son is one who experiences the unconditional love of his Father in a way that deeply impacts him and leaves him with Nothing to Hide, Nothing to Prove, Nothing to Fear.*



Steve Szabina - April 23, 2017 at 10:58 PM

DG

“ *Johnny was one of the best most dependable people I have ever worked around. Just a great guy to be around a work with. I was proud to call him a friend.*

David Griggs

David Griggs - April 23, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SS

Thank You David for your post. I can always count on him even now.

Steve Szabina - April 25, 2017 at 12:35 AM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Wanda, Steve and family
John, you will always be remembered. You were always full of life, you enjoyed golf and bowling and loved your family
RIP, John, you will be missed
Richard, Barbara, Robert and Debbie Hodges



barbara mcintoshodges - April 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM

SS

Thank You all. Many Great memories and Mad Maxx was one of a kind.

Steve Szabina - April 25, 2017 at 12:40 AM

TH

“ We remember so many good times we had bowling with John. One thing that popped into mind was the time John wanted a Mountain Dew and the waiter couldn't understand what John was saying. John stepped back and yelled, "Yaa hoo Mountain Dew", and the waiter knew exactly what he wanted.

Wanda, we'll always cherish the memories we have of John. He was a good man, and we're glad we had the chance to know him.

Tom and Sonya

Tom and Sonya Hunt - April 23, 2017 at 11:21 AM

SS

Thank You for sharing, not very many can pull that one off.

Steve Szabina - April 25, 2017 at 12:46 AM