



## John Byrne

January 2, 1959 - June 9, 2018

John Byrne, 59, of Kansas City, KS, passed away June 9, 2018. Visitation will be 10 - 11 AM Thursday at Maple Hill Funeral Home where the Memorial Service will be at 11 AM. John was a Army Veteran of 13 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his 2 granddaughters, Stella Grace and Eva Estelle. He is survived by his step father, Francis (Boo) Craig; daughter Johnna (Charles Aguilar) Byrne-Aguilar of Kansas City, KS, a brother Robert Joseph Byrne III of Rancho Viejo, KS, 4 sisters Christine Yrani of San Francisco, CA, Patricia Catherine Byrne of Kansas City, KS, Mary Ann Gripka of Bashor, KS, Roberta Allen of Kansas City, MO and a lifelong friend Terri Ward of Kansas City, KS. Please visit John's memorial website at [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com)

# Events

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**JUN** **Memorial Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Maple Hill Funeral Home

3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

**JUN** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ John, my brother in law, was a sparkling star for the whole family. He brought a lot smiles  
To us and to our children. We called him "Uncle Buck" after the late John Candy because he was funny and pleasant to have around. One of my favorite memory of John is when he came to visit us in San Francisco. He spent few days in our house; we had a great time and he left us with a lot of happy memories.  
He was an anchor for the family. When any member of the family needed help, he was there to offer his services. He was there for Grandma Byrne, mom, and specially for Dad in the last 2 years of his life.  
I'm sure that he is up there with the rest of the departed having a great time and being a guardian angel to every one of us here on earth.

**Robert Yrani** - July 04, 2018 at 03:28 PM

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“ John and I worked at Pizza Hut together. We served in the U.S. Army together. The world is a less colorful place without John. But, heaven is all the richer. Bob

**Robert J Byrne** - June 16, 2018 at 10:01 PM

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“ You were kind of like my crazy uncle too and I will miss you.

Shalee (Elaine's Daughter)

**shalee** - June 16, 2018 at 12:21 PM

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“ We made the world's strongest jalapeno pizza together. We were in the U.S. Army at the same time; he visited me in Germany, I visited him at Fort Riley. I coached his 8th grade basketball team. We fought all of the time as kids; but, I don't remember even an argument as adults. John, as the colonel in the Great Santini said: "The world will be a less colorful place without you." But, heaven is all the richer for your presence. Thanks for the laughs. From your brother, Bob

**Robert Byrne** - June 15, 2018 at 06:16 PM

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“ John and I made the world's strongest jalapeno pizza while working together at Pizza Hut (aka, "The Rut"). He came a hundred miles to visit me in Germany in a borrowed deuce and a half truck. We played All Star Wrestling with together (Mom didn't appreciate the furniture damage). We watched The A's play one of their last games in KC. We went to the Globetrotters and the Big 8 b'ball tournament together. He gave me steak sandwiches when I visited him at Fort Riley. We named one of my sons after him. He was that son's Godfather. He was the last guy cut from the 8th grade basketball team. So, I teamed with a friend to coach a rec team; John was our star player. In our last game, I asked the players (late in Quarter 4): "Do you want to run the plays or win the game?" They wanted to win. So, we had the point guard drive and pass to John angling to the hoop every time. We came from behind for the win. He was a really good running back for two undefeated teams (Welborn Lumber and Parkhill Trucks. We rented a house with four other people when we were both working part-time; I'll always remember an overdue meal we ate together at Long John Silver's one fine payday. We fought all of the time when we were young; but, I don't remember even one argument as adults. We "camped out" in the car all night to get tickets to McCartney at Kemper. By the time of the concert, we were both at BCT in the U.S. Army. Although I have many more memories, I'll leave it at that. Brother John, as the colonel said in the movie, The Great Santini: "The world will be a less colorful place without you." But, today, heaven is all the richer for your presence. Thanks for all of the laughs. You will be missed. From your brother, Bob

Robert Byrne - June 15, 2018 at 05:52 PM

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“ Christine Yrani lit a candle in memory of John Byrne



Christine Yrani - June 14, 2018 at 03:55 AM



“ To my dear dear brother John, thank you for always being there for me anytime night it day. Thank you for all the loving help you did for Dad and me. You always said that you Sis for reconnecting me with dad and getting to know him as our Cheshire Cat. Lol. I cannot even explain the loss I feel every time I turn to my quick dial on my phone an d your name is there amongst the few people listed. Of the two years of caring for Dad I know I stayed with you for at least a year. Oh what nights we had spilling our guts to one another and crying about the inevitable that we would soon face.the loss of Dad was one the hardest things I ever had to do but I knew I had you to get my back. But know I know losing you is yet the hardest thing I have done. You may not of known it but you were the rock of this family and I commend you for that. I don't anyone that knows more about me than you. I guess I should be grateful that you took to your grave so to speak. I know you had a lot of regrets about your life but please know everything is in Devine order and you were and are a hell of a man. Now us left behind need to understand our lesson in losing such a wonderful soul as you. Please pray for us brother John. I love you to the end of the earth. Rest In Peace bubba, uncle buck. I love you more than life it's self. And will keep you in my heart forever. I love so much. Goodbye my friend and brother.

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christine - July 03, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ Sorry about the miss spellings and missed words but my tears were to hard to see from.

christine - July 03, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Byrne.



June 11, 2018 at 05:20 PM