



## John M. Pettey

March 5, 1943 - August 11, 2016

John Merten Pettey, 73, of Kansas City, KS passed away Thursday Aug 11, 2016. Visitation will be held Monday, Aug 15 at Sacred Heart Church 2646 S. 34th St KCKS 66106 from 5-7:30pm. Rosary will be said at 7:30pm. Funeral mass will be Tues Aug 16 at 11am at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery at a later date.

John was born March 5, 1943, the oldest of four sons, to Merten & Betty Pettey. A lifelong resident of the Turner area, John graduated from Turner high school in 1961. He then attended Washburn University and Ottawa University and played football and ran track. John married Patricia D Huggins Pettey on Jan 3, 1970. They celebrated 46 years of marriage this year. Pat is Kansas Senator for the 6th district. John was an active father and grandfather, attending many sporting events and activities and spending several years coaching basketball and track at OLU. His stories over the years conveyed his pride in his children and grandchildren.

John was the owner of Huggins Insurance Agency in Argentine and was actively involved in his community. He was elected to the BPU Board, serving 4 terms. He served on the CYO board, Southern WYCO Softball board, Wyandotte County Park Board, Turner Community Connection, Turner Lions, the Crosslines Retirement Center, and past president of the Argentine Activities Assn, stringing Christmas lights on Strong Ave for 46 yrs. John organized the Silver City celebration for 25 . He enjoyed playing 50+ Softball for 18 years.

John was a wonderful and much loved husband to his wife, Pat, and proud father of his daughters Valerie Forrester (Sherry), Alicia Brown and Andrea Watson (Dennis) & grandchildren Brooke, Jordon, Gibson, Anders, William, Patrick & Lucy. John enjoyed time spent with his brothers Tom (Candy), Gene (Connie), and Mike (Becky) and their families., and Aunt Betty.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Merten and Betty, and his in- laws Harley and Ginny Huggins.

John was happiest fishing, hunting, golfing and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Our Lady of Unity Catholic School or Turner Community Connection.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 15. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2646 S. 34th St.  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 677-1277

## Rosary

AUG 15. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Kansas City, KS 66106  
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## Catholic Mass

AUG 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of John M. Pettey*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - August 15, 2016 at 01:47 PM

DL

*John was a good friend,have spent a number time fishing and hunting with him and was always fun to be with.*

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**Donald Loe** - August 15, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *John M. Pettey*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *John M. Pettey*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

TW

“ Dear Gene, Mike, Tom, Pat & all the Pettey family,

*I was shocked to hear this, I talked to John just about every multi-class reunion, along with Mike. Gene was a best friend, and still is although we don't see each other much since he moved out of the area.*

*I'm really sorry, John was a great athlete, a really nice guy and I always felt at home at your house in Turner when we were in high school. I really don't have adequate words but want to say that the bond is still there with all of you, after all these years. It seem,s like the ones that go back this far are the deepest, in fact there's no doubt about it.*

*I still love KCK and wrote a poem about it which was read at my Mom's funeral over a year ago, although don't know if that is still on here. Sorry I missed the funeral but my thoughts are still with you and always will be. John is a good guy, I really liked him, as well as your entire family.*

*Terry Winchell*

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**Terry Winchell** - September 14, 2016 at 12:40 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the petty family. John was a great guy.



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**misty Cox** - August 22, 2016 at 05:28 PM

MS

“ *Pat and family: We are saddened to hear of your loss. Please accept our heart-felt condolences.*

*Michele Sanders & Family*



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**Michele Sanders** - August 21, 2016 at 08:43 PM

BS

“ *John's passing brings great sadness. He loved his family, playing sports, and being in the outdoors; in short he loved life and should have had many years to continue. As involved as he was, John found time to serve his community and to help many people with their insurance needs. I have known John for over 35 years, though not well because of our geographic distance, but the times we spent together visiting and sharing our interests, particularly in American Indian history and culture, were always delightful. In reflecting back on it now, I am especially grateful that he and Pat came to visit us to help celebrate the new year this past January. Little did any of us know that this would be our last time together, now even all the more memorable.*

*Bill De Stefano  
Tucson, Arizona*

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**Bill De Stefano** - August 17, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MB

“ Thank you, John, for helping me move all that stuff home when we moved out of the old school. I don't know how you managed to get it all in your truck, including the rocking chair, but you did.

We had a fun time talking about just about everything on the trip to my house and back. I am so glad that you talked me into riding with you instead of taking my car.

I am grateful that you were there when I needed the help.

Mary Louise Butler

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**Mary Louise Butler** - August 16, 2016 at 04:55 PM

KH

“ Kevin Hundertfund lit a candle in memory of John M. Pettey



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**Kevin Hundertfund** - August 16, 2016 at 01:45 PM

KH

Pat and family please accept my condolences John is a good person and a straight shooter an honest man treated everyone that crossed his path fairly poor or other as you said that day to gone to soon peace be with you and the girls

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**Kevin Hundertfund** - August 16, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DS

“ Pat and family am sorry to here about your loss of John. John and I spent many hours on the lake fishing and in the fields hunting. I remember my mom calling John bird dog shoe because she could not remember rebook John got a big kick out of that. John will be missed by anyone that new John.  
Don Short

Don Short - August 16, 2016 at 01:00 PM



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



August 15, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Pettey.



August 15, 2016 at 04:15 PM



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



August 15, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 15, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John M. Pettey.



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August 15, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *John was a mentor, a confidante, a friend, an advisor and all around guy. He seemed to just connect with me, and I'm sure he was able to do this with many others. I will miss John. He was always a go to guy for me. I offer Pat and her family a helping hand for whatever may come up. May God's comforting grace and loving embrace carry you thru.*

*Norm Scott*

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Norman Scott - August 15, 2016 at 10:02 AM

GS

“ I am sorry to hear about John's passing. I have fond memories of tromping through the fields of western Kansas hunting with John & my brother Bob.

*My condolences to the family to the family.*

*Gene Sparks*

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**Gene Sparks** - August 14, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John M. Pettey.



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August 14, 2016 at 12:11 PM

MI

“ John from me there will be continued prayers for your Wife, Pat; & for your Daughters. You are at peace now, be their guardian angel - next to them as they are needed.

*May God receive your soul & may you be with Him on High.*

*Marilyn Van Dyne Irwin*



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**Marilyn (Van Dyne) Irwin** - August 13, 2016 at 09:31 PM

CD

“ Charles Dillon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John M. Pettey.



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**Charles Dillon** - August 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

S6

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Pat and the families! May give you all peace and comfort!! God Bless!

Shirley Brown Reynolds class of 65 - August 13, 2016 at 01:16 PM

RF

“ Condolences, and deepest sympathy, to the Petty Family. So sorry to hear of John's passing, taken too soon  
Regards,  
Royetta Brown Ferris

Royetta Brown Ferris - August 13, 2016 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ A great man and loving father I'll miss you cousin!

Brian Huggins - August 13, 2016 at 11:50 AM

JE


“ I was so saddened to see the news of John's passing. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. It is so difficult to lose your life's partner, Pat, I know because it happened to you. He was so young to go. I know your girls are grieving as you are. Please know I care and offer my condolences. God be with you at this most difficult time. Love, Juanita

Juanita Elrod - August 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

LA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pettey family. Larry and Sondra Alley

Larry Alley - August 13, 2016 at 07:26 AM

 Laura  
Ptomey  
Rogers

“ *When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. Sincere condolences to the Pettey family. Laura Ptomey Rogers (friend of Becky)*

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**Laura Ptomey Rogers** - August 12, 2016 at 11:46 PM

SL

“ *Pat and family---please accept my sympathy in the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and my friend John. He and I were born 4 months apart as our families shared a small duplex in Turner. We became friends as babies, played together as young boys, and shared sports and other activities through grade school and high school in Turner. John's dad Merten was our first baseball coach at the age of 9. We've been separated by distance for the past 40 years, but we continued to enjoy our chances to be together. We both attended and enjoyed our class of '61 reunions, and I last played golf with John at the one 5 years ago. I know you'll miss him tremendously, but try to remember the good times as I will.*

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**Steve Locke** - August 12, 2016 at 11:09 PM