



John William Gingrich

July 22, 1942 - March 20, 2022

John William Gingrich, a man of many talents, died on Sunday, March 20, 2022. John 79, of Charlotte, was born July 22, 1942 at the family home in Chester Township, the son of Lee and Marie (Bottomley) Gingrich. Many will remember John for being the life of the party, his love for laughing, and for always telling a story. On April 8, 1961, he married Kay Dawn Tinkey and together spent the next 60 years creating their legacy. Kay Dawn was his lifeline. John worked for 34 years at General Motors. In his younger years John did his best to keep the local body shops in business, he had a love for drag racing around town, and on numerous occasions he tore the car up in the process. John and Kay Dawn loved traveling, they traveled to just about every state in the US. Their favorite destination was anyplace out west. His children will always cherish their fishing trips to Canada, hunting adventures, and time spent on the golf course. John enjoyed tinkering around on different projects. His biggest passion in life was his family, especially his grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife, Kay Dawn; sons, Tim (Jenny) Gingrich, Todd Gingrich; grandchildren, Jesse, Heather, Trevor, Grant, Jasmine, Trent; great-grandchildren, Levi, Laci, Lakin, Evangeline, Elyse, Isaiah, and one baby boy on the way; sisters, Bonnie Simek, Ellen Dunn; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was predeceased by brother, Bob Gingrich; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support John's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Gresham United Methodist Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Our sincere condolences to the Gingrich family. John was a great guy and he will be missed.
May God richly bless you,
John & Toni Willoughby

John & Toni Willoughby - March 27, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ To this day, I carry a piece of advice John gave me when I was still in high school, and I think on it often (It's a piece of advice I still have trouble applying sometimes).

Me, Dad, John and Uncle Bud were standing in Bud's garage, and it was just after Uncle Bud got after me for something that was not my fault.

John sizing up the situation, looked at me and said:

"Sometimes you got to take some Sh..., you don't have to like it, but sometimes you got to take it."

I always took it to mean sometimes you just have to let it go it's not worth the effort to argue and it was over the minute the words were said.

Did you hear about Mickey and Minnie Mouse getting a divorce?... (If you are like me, you just read that with John's voice in your head)

Jeff Tinkey - March 26, 2022 at 09:45 PM

LA

“ John had a great smile and was always so welcoming! Most of my memories of my Tinkey family include John and Kaydawn. I will miss his welcoming smile and laughter.

Laura - March 26, 2022 at 07:44 PM

LG

“ We were so blessed to have such a loving, caring, humorous, best story teller and always made others smile Uncle. Your day was just better when you had a visit with Uncle John and family. He was loved and will be missed deeply! Our Love and Peace to Aunt Kay Dawn and family!

Larry and Vickie Gingrich - March 24, 2022 at 02:56 PM

AF

“ Not something I normally do but I lost a person that I have always looked up to as a hero, mentor and great uncle JOHN GINGRICH we had some great times together and I will always cherish them . We will miss the great stories and jokes



Art Williams and family - March 23, 2022 at 09:47 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about John's passing. He was such a fun person to be around. Great Memories of him coming to our ball games with Tim, Todd, and our whole gang. It wasn't like he was their Dad, but more of their goofy older brother! Tim & Todd definitely didn't fall far from the tree and Kay Dawn certainly had her hands full, but you all were very blessed to have this man in your life. They don't come any better!

Jeff Mogg - March 23, 2022 at 07:37 PM

JL

“ Uncle John was just bigger than life! I always loved his stories and the way he made people laugh. I send my love to Aunt Kay Dawn Tim and Todd and family. He will certainly be missed! Jeanne

Jeanne LeDoux-Hickman - March 22, 2022 at 05:46 PM

GY

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of John. My condolences and prayers are with you all.

Greg Young - March 22, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ Bonnie and family:

Sorry to read of the loss of your brother. My Mom always spoke highly of the Gingrich family. My deepest sympathy to you.

*Family of the late Dorothy (Walker) Bargy
(Written by Daniel Bargy)*

Daniel Bargy - March 22, 2022 at 10:45 AM

SG

“ Our hearts are hurt, because we are going to miss one of the most amazing people we have ever known. John always had a great big smile and always was there to do what was needed. My sincere condolences to KayDawn and the boys. John was a force to be recorded with. Hugs to you all The Garrison Family

s. garrison - March 22, 2022 at 07:34 AM

GK

“ Had many wonderful stories told to me by John. He will surely be missed by all. My thoughts go out to the Gingrich family

Greg Klont - March 21, 2022 at 10:01 PM

LV

“ We are sorry to hear of John's passing. We enjoyed having John for a neighbor.

Laurel Vagts - March 21, 2022 at 09:48 PM

GS

“ So many great memories with all the Gingrich family, softball and football in the yard with John as the spectator/commentator. Playing Euchre, softball tournaments, hunting and fishing tales, and many more. My heart breaks writing this my thoughts and prayers are with all the Gingrich family and friends.

George Stickles - March 21, 2022 at 08:51 PM

CF

“ Where to even start, my husband grew up with Todd and Tim, knew John and Kay Dawn like a second family. To bringing our own children trike or treating to their house. These memories will never fade. Our sincere condolences to you Kay Dawn, Tim and Todd. So so sorry for your loss.

Carla Firestone - March 21, 2022 at 07:32 PM

KW

“ So sorry for your loss ,he was a great man with many talents,one of my memories of John was when I was out hunting with Todd on Moyer rd and we spooked a monster buck out and it ran over to John and he shot it in the river,also many ice fishing trips witch I think we drank more beers then actually catching fish
My prayers are with you and your family in this tuff time

Kent williams - March 21, 2022 at 07:29 PM

RS

“ When going on hayrides with John and friends, he always made the ride beyond an event. Thru the years he often brought up the hayride fun and was ready to go at anytime. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Roy & Krys Simpson - March 21, 2022 at 06:08 PM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Cindy (Stall) Raymond

Cindy Raymond - March 21, 2022 at 04:26 PM