



John K. Kartje

September 12, 1950 - February 5, 2017

John K. Kartje, 67, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 in St. Joseph, Michigan, while judging the ice sculpture contest at the annual Magical Ice Fest. He was born Sept. 12, 1950 in Austria, was raised in Philadelphia and has been a Mundelein resident for the past 35 years. He received his degree from the Culinary Institute of America and had been a chef at the Bismarck Hotel, Mission Hills Country Club, for the Canteen Corporation and at Great Lakes Naval Base. He was very involved with the Chicago Chapter of Chefs de Cuisine and a Thanksgiving volunteer for many years at La Rabida Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Surviving are his children, Lauren (Kyle) Nash and Michael Kartje (Cindy Santaolaya); and his former wife and dear friend, Jean Kartje.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of services at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Memorials can be made to La Rabida Children's Hospital Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ John, we had a lot of great memories at ice festivals, meeting up for coffee and having lunch together. You RIP my friend and I will see you later when its my time!!Your good friend, Mark Smith

Mark Smith - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DM

“ You left us too soon our friend, friend to many. Thanks for the memories and your always good cheer. Peace,David

David Meyers - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

PB

“ Family & friends,John blessed us all. I would not be the man I am today without John in my life. Prayers to all.

Patrick Beach - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JO

“ I am very sorry for your loss, I met John a few years ago when he came out here to Loyola Marymount University and helped me with some Ice Carvings. He was a very outgoing and friendly person. He will be missed, My heart and prayers go out to his family.

James Ottens - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JD

“ My condolences to the Kartje family. I will always remember Chef John as a kind and good-hearted man. He was a friend and mentor to many, and he will be missed!

Joseph D'Alessandro - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

MD

“ Chef John and I were reminiscing one day about our times at the CIA, before it moved to Hyde Park, as it turns out he had a copy of the Bakers Manual on his desk ! When I opened up the cover there was the address of our Dorm site in East Haven Ct. We had been dorm mates and didnt know it. I will miss his command of Austrian pastires he and I did an online broadcast of Kaisher Schmarn and Vienesse Pulled Strudel. We had a lot of fun and had alwasg talks abotu goign to Harbin China for the Ice Festival. God Bless you Chef John.

Mark Dowling - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

MG

“ A true professional, respectful gentleman and always had a smile is how I describe John. As a Chef, we come across many different types of individuals in our jobs, people we cook with and work for. John always had a smile and offered his hand when he greeted you. He was always respectful, soft spoken, a great listener and offered great advice whenever he was asked. That's the John Kartje I knew. We didn't see each other often, but there was great respect between us. I will never forget him walking around ACF Conventions wearing his Red Sergeant at Arms blazer standing out from the sea of white chef coats around giving directions and asking chefs to take their seats. Always doing it with a smile. That's the John Kartje I knew. John was doing what he enjoyed most when he left us, at an Ice Carving Competition being a Judge for that Competition. I was at the recent ACF Chef Connect Conference in Chicago hoping to see John, see that smile, shake hands and have a conversation. Our opportunity to see each other never occurred, we were doing something we both enjoyed and that was where I heard of the passing of John Kartje. A gentleman, a friend, a true professional and someone who has touched many in his life. Thank you John for touching the lives of many. Rest in Peace.

Michael Garbin - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

CW

“ We recently lost a good friend in John Kartje. Johnny was the proverbial great guy; a loyal, dependable, and giving individual. Remember all the accomplishments and good times we all had together. There were many. Johnny, you'll always be with us. The world is a lesser place without you!

Chuck Wagner - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

TB

“ On behalf of the Chicago Club Chef Association, we wish to extend our condolences to the Karje family. We have many fond memories of sharing some of the greatest meals and great moments with Chef. You will be missed

Thomas Birmingham - June 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LF

“ We are sorry to hear that John has died. You are all be in our prayers.

Lanius Family - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

DJ

“ John was a highly respected colleague and friend. He will be thought of often for his contribution to our craft. My heartfelt condolences go out to his surviving family. Respectfully Dean JSSaramillo

Dean Jaramillo - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM

FJ

“ I want to give my condolences to the family of John Kartje. You are in my prayers. I have known John for over 25 years. John was a great chef. I will truly miss him. He was a pleasure to be around.

Frazier McGee Jr - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM



“ *John K. Kartje*

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“ *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeYqmtpdLLA&feature=youtu.be>
Chef John preparation of Viennese Apple Strudel..*

April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM



“ *To John's family: I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. I knew him when he went to CIA, with my now ex-husband, David White. He was such a pleasure to know, and the world sure seems a little less lovely with him no longer with us. Wishing you peace, knowing he's at peace.*

Debbie (Sheehan) Kocher - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Chef John's passing. He was a great influence and mentor to so many of us, especially chefs who also sculpted ice. I always enjoyed seeing him at ACF and NICA events. He always had a smile on his face and a good word to say. I will miss seeing him. I am really happy that I had the honor of knowing him.*

Tom Recinella - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM



“ *John you are a great man and a dear friend and mentor! Rest In Peace*

Joe Kraft - April 27, 2018 at 04:28 AM