



John D. Clemen

June 29, 1965 - July 4, 2025

John D. Clemen, age 60

Prescott, AZ

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Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Richmond, MN for John D. Clemen, age 60, who died Friday, July 4, 2025, at Quiet Oaks Hospice surrounded by family after a short battle with Glioblastoma a form of brain cancer. Burial will be in St. Bridget's parish cemetery, De Graff, MN. The service will be live streamed at www.christcatholic.com.

There will be a visitation from 9:00-10:45 a.m. in the church gathering space prior to the service.

John was born on June 29, 1965, in Benson, MN to Edward and Arlene (Suter) Clemen. He graduated from Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg (KMS) High School. John was a technician for CenturyLink. He met his wife, Brenda Gertken, while volunteering in 2006. John and Brenda were married on December 6, 2008, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Eagan, MN. For the past five years they have lived in Prescott, AZ. He loved riding his

motorcycle, traveling and seeing our beautiful world. John enjoyed fishing and playing games, especially Swoop and Carbles.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; siblings, Bill (Kathy) Clemen, Merina Marotzke, Virginia (Kent) Siefkes, Tom (Sue) Clemen, Rick (Diane) Clemen, Lisa Clemen and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Wayne Marotzke and nephew, Travis Marotzke.

Arrangements are with the Wenner Funeral Home, Richmond, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic church
110 central ave n
richmond, mn 56368

Funeral Services

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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richmond, mn 56368

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Brenda, just shocked to learn about John’s passing. Only met him once when you two were volunteering at a concert at the MN Zoo. Believe you moved to AZ not too long afterwards. Glad you had those years of retirement together. So sorry for your loss; take care of yourself. Jo Frankovich*

Jo Frankovich - July 16, 2025 at 12:22 AM

DW

“ *Brenda...*

I'm truly sorry to hear about your loss of John.

We worked together at Centurylink for a number of years at our office on Stinson Blvd in Mpls. as well as the St.Paul office...

I want you to know that I really enjoyed working with John and that I found him to be one of the kindest people that I've ever known.....

We always had great conversation about our larger families and how our Catholic Faith had a great impact on our lives...

"Blessings and Peace" to you and your family!

Deb Ward

Deb Ward - July 13, 2025 at 10:58 PM

LG

“ Brenda, so sorry to hear about John. He was a great co-worker and friend.

I had the honor of retiring on the same day as John from Centurylink. I will remember the day we walked out of that building together.

Find peace with all the great memories you shared with him.

Lisa G - July 12, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SK

“ Brenda, just now heard of John's passing from another co-worker, I worked with John at the phone company, at Stinson Blvd and downtown St. Paul. I always enjoyed having conversation with him.

He was the nicest man/person. I am just in shock over this sad news. My deepest sympathies to you and your families. Sue Kampa

Sue Kampa - July 11, 2025 at 07:11 PM

SM

“ John was a great Person to work with! Always enjoyed our conversations about both work and life.

Steven Meier - July 10, 2025 at 11:26 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. Hope that you Brenda are at peace as well as John's siblings , nieces and nephews. Only today, from a mutual work friend, did I hear of details of the past few years of John's life and his recent battle. I enjoyed those years at work bantering with him about everything but work.

Bryan Christensen - July 10, 2025 at 11:09 PM

LY

“ Lisa Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Clemen.

Lisa Y. - July 09, 2025 at 11:49 AM

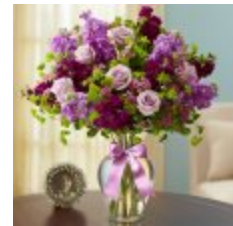
CO

“ John was so sweet, kind and calm. We worked together many years. He always had nice things to say and stayed low key, Brenda, I'm sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

connie - July 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.



July 08, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Clemen.

July 08, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.



July 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Clemen.

July 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM



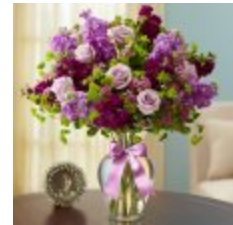
“ Ileana Dancovich and Tim Kivlin purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of John D. Clemen.



Ileana Dancovich and Tim Kivlin - July 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.



July 07, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ The Prescott Bunco Babes purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of John D. Clemen.



The Prescott Bunco Babes - July 07, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DF

“ We had the honor and privilege of meeting. John, just a few short weeks before he passed away. He was the most pleasant man and my only regret is that we won't have more encounters. I think he's one of those people that you can say is one in a million and he had a big impact on us in the couple of times we got to visit with him. Many thanks to Tom and Sue for sharing John and Brenda with us. Play lots of Swoop in Heaven, John!

Darlene Felling - July 07, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Clemen.

July 07, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.



July 07, 2025 at 01:42 PM

B.

“ Bill . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Clemen.

Bill . - July 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM

FF

“ From, the Mitchell Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John D. Clemen.



From, the Mitchell Family - July 07, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SW

“ Sue & Gaylon Ball. Pam & Gary Wendel purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of John D. Clemen.



Sue & Gaylon Ball. Pam & Gary Wendel - July 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SW

“ Sue & Gaylon Ball. Pam & Gary Wendel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Clemen.

Sue & Gaylon Ball. Pam & Gary Wendel - July 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

GW

“ Our deepest sympathies. John was the “Gentle” in Gentleman. Definitely a great friend and neighbor who will be deeply missed by all who knew him
Heartfelt wishes to Brenda and the entire Clemen family
Sue & Gaylon Ball. Pam & Gary Wendell

Gary Wendell - July 07, 2025 at 10:29 AM

AH

“ All our prayers, Rich & Patty Harwin purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of John D. Clemen.



All our prayers, Rich & Patty Harwin - July 07, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.



July 06, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D. Clemen.

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RC

“ Ralph and Barb Cole purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of John D. Clemen.



Ralph and Barb Cole - July 06, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John D. Clemen.*



July 06, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *John was probably the nicest friend you could ever have and will be dearly missed by anyone who ever knew him. We traveled extensively the past 12 years to England, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Hungary as well meeting him and Brenda in Mexico the past 2 winters. I count him amongst the best friends in my life and am so saddened by his early passing.*

We so enjoyed John's wit and sense of humor and marveled at his ability to be a "cattle whisperer", as several times during our travels he would stop and seemingly talk to cows and cattle that we encountered. Not to mention that we both enjoyed The Kraken with some diet Coke! Just a great guy!

Rest in peace my friend.

Bill Peck



Bill Peck - July 05, 2025 at 04:22 PM

LS

“ Love, Many of the Summit Sisters purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John D. Clemen.



Love, Many of the Summit Sisters - July 05, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LS

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Love, Many of the Summit Sisters - July 05, 2025 at 03:31 PM