



Dr. John Chirco

June 30, 1946 - May 8, 2020

Dr. John Chirco began his spiritual journey into eternity with his Lord on May 8, 2020. He leaves behind his worldly love of 46 years, his wife, Judy (Kietzman); and is survived by five children John (Deanna) Chirco, Joseph (Inna) Chirco, Kirsten (Chad) Foxworthy, Christopher (Laura) Chirco, and Beth (Mike) Baker. John was blessed to have 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph; and special nephew, Joe Chirco. He was preceded in death by his parents Guisepe and Concetta Chirco; sisters Joann Haner, Genevive Attala; and brother-in-law, Don Attala.

John was grateful for his 42 year career in education, beginning as a teacher, then followed by 25 years in the Wyoming Public School System as educational supervisor, psychologist, and administrator. His passions were many. For every passion, he gave his all and total commitment. John always had something to look forward to. Boredom he feared not. He volunteered his time freely to the many clubs and organizations to which he belonged. He received three club presidential citations for his commitment to volunteer services. His most cherished volunteering was through his parishes, St. John Vianney and St. Pius X. His love of the Lord, his strong faith, and his gratitude to the Lord were his most cherished gifts in life, along with his wife and family.

A funeral Mass is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2020 at St. Pius The X Church.

The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcares.com.

Comments



“ So sorry to hear about Uncle John's passing, He was a very kind man, I have fond memories of him ...Our deepest sympathies. to Judy and family.
love Dan and Marv

Marvin J Haveman - May 15 at 08:39 AM



“ John was such a great person to be around and work with. I can't picture him without a smile on his face. I worked with him at West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, and even when dealing with difficult things, John always found the way to find the good in it. He always saw the positive side of things. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Sending much love to his family.

Mandy DeBoer - May 12 at 06:54 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked closely with him for 10+ years at West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics. He taught me a great deal during his time there. He was such a caring and supportive person to both students and staff. John was a great colleague and good friend while we both worked there. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

Carolyn Gilmore - May 12 at 06:21 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked in the Wyoming Public Schools with John for many years. It was a pleasure working with him. John always wanted the very best for students and staff. He had great compassion for others and was a kind and caring man. I always admired John for his professionalism when dealing with students, parents and staff. He touched a lot of lives and helped make the world a better place. I am so glad that I knew John as a friend. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that all your wonderful memories of John help sustain you through this very difficult time.
Liddy Olszewski

Elizabeth Olszewski - May 12 at 02:57 PM



“ I worked with John at several Wyoming schools. He was one of the most understanding and kind men that I have known. I never in my life heard him say anything unkind to anyone. He was a wonderful man and I greatly respected him. He helped so many children and adults alike. He will be sorely missed by many.

Patricia Cramer

Patricia Cramer - May 11 at 09:38 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He interviewed and hired me for a special ed teaching position in Wyoming 29 years ago. I remember him as a dedicated and caring educator...definitely a class act! May the happy memories you have of him sustain you in the days ahead.

Erin Hackett - May 11 at 08:38 PM



“ I am sad to hear of his passing but grateful for the opportunity to work with Dr. Chirco. I will remember him as a caring supervisor who had his teachers best interests in mind and those of the students as well. I will remember the many conversations we had in passing, often about sports. Heaven awaits my friend.

Steven Bilski - May 11 at 02:03 PM



“ The short time I knew John he was warm, caring and always interested in the other person health and well being. Condolences to the family.

Michael Kaminski

Michael D Kaminski - May 11 at 10:05 AM



“ Sarah M Bolema lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Chirco



Sarah M Bolema - May 11 at 10:04 AM



“ John and I shared many life experiences together. We worked and played together for many years. He was a man of character and compassion. His gift of human understanding will endure though the many peoples' lives he touched. It was my honor to have shared so many life experiences with John. He and Judy are family to my wife and me.

With so many life experiences together It is difficult to chose one. Marilyn and I remember our meeting with John and Judy in Tucson AZ. John got me interested in coin collecting. He and Judy were attending a coin show in Phoenix. Marilyn and I were wintering in Tucson that year. We made contact and drove up to Phoenix to attend the show together. We also had many good days with them in Sarasota FL.

We will always remember John. Our sympathy and love go out to Judy and their beautiful family.

Dr.& Mrs. Richard Brown

Richard Brown - May 11 at 10:04 AM



“ Thank you to your family for sharing him with us for so many years. I knew him growing up with my family (Mary and Gordon Jebb), then as he helped me grow roots and grow my faith and hope in my place as a special education teacher in Wyoming Public Schools. He was a kind man, spoke his truth and taught others to brave in the face of darkest times. Peace and Serenity to you all. Love, Sarah Bolema (Jebb)

Sarah M Bolema - May 11 at 10:03 AM



“ John was such a special part of Jackson Park MS! He loved kids and colleagues and his optimism and commitment to people was ever present!! Those of us who had the good fortune to work with him, were touched by him! You will be greatly missed dear friend! Our thoughts and prayers to Judy and family!!
Chuck & Lynn Sandro

Chuck Sandro - May 10 at 10:24 AM



“ Chirco Family,
So sorry for your loss of a great man!
Caring, fun loving and gentle person!!
A Friend of many years with both John and Joel

Barb Schultz

Barb Schultz - May 10 at 01:33 PM



“ Condolences to the family for the loss of John. He certainly was a caring professional as he contributed to the Wyoming Public Schools for so many years. Lean on family and friends at this difficult time. Wishing you God's peace. Chuck Bocskey.

chuck bocskey - May 10 at 02:20 PM



“ John will be remembered and missed by the staff at Southwest... I can't share all the stories but I do know that some of us would not have stayed in education if not for John. Thanks for not firing us Chirco... Larry, Seth, Norm and Otte.

rick otte - May 09 at 11:16 AM



“ John, we your TMIY brothers will miss your wisdom, wit, compassion, and your loving care and sharing of your faith. We know your work continues with the Lord please continue to watch and pray for us brother. God has briefly moved you but we hope to see you again! God bless John and we pray for his wife and family. St. Pius X. TMIY small group. I will miss you on Saturday and our lunches-Don McKinley

Don McKinley - May 09 at 12:11 AM



“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I loved volunteering with John and Judy at SPX parish. Prayers for peace and comfort in our grief. May John rest in eternal peace.

Judy Keelean - May 08 at 10:36 PM



“ The compassion John showed our students at West will forever be etched in my heart. I loved watching him sit in the front pew, at 8:30 mass, while he watched Judy sing. Judy and family ~May God give you peace and comfort the rest of your lives.
Jan & Jonathan

Jan Zylstra - May 08 at 10:14 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Johns passing. John and I worked on several projects together at St Pius Church. I enjoyed working with him and listening to his stories. John will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss him saying "Good Morning Katie" at Mass. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.

Kate Ruemenapp

Kate Ruemenapp - May 08 at 09:53 PM



“ Judy and family - so sorry to read of John's passing. We always enjoyed his positive spirit. May you find comfort to know you did every possible thing you could for him to help in his battle. Prayers and comfort be with you.

Sybil Gretz

sybil gretz - May 08 at 08:57 PM



“ I remember John and Judy coming to help celebrate R J first birthday at my home is was a lot of fun and energy but so glad to have them John will missed by many but his family is not left without the joy and many memories he left behind My deepest conference Pat Misel

pat misel - May 08 at 05:45 PM



“ John was my closest dearest friend and he will be sorely missed. I have enjoyed John's friendship for the past two decades and will always cherish the many memories. Heaven has gained a phenomenal person today. My heart and prayers go out to his wife Judy and all of the family members. Rest In Peace.

Stephen Friedman - May 08 at 07:10 PM



“ John was such a friendly and helpful person. He will be missed. He always had such great optimism and never failed to help wherever he could.

Lisa Pietrzak - May 09 at 01:04 PM



“ John was a man of rare character, amazing compassion, and unwavering integrity. He will be missed.

Daniel Silverthorne - May 09 at 11:26 PM