



# John Lawrence Lundgren

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**J**ohn Lawrence Lundgren was born August 4, 1963, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Shirley Lawrence and John Ross Lundgren. He grew up in Bountiful, Utah with his two sisters. He graduated from Bountiful High School. John passed away on October 9, 2022, with his family at his side after a long battle with esophageal cancer.

John served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Uruguay. He learned Spanish and spoke it well which would be useful throughout his life. He always spoke of returning to Uruguay someday.

After returning from his mission, John attended the University of Utah where he met the love of his life, Julie Vuyk. John and Julie were married in the Salt Lake Temple on December 12, 1986. They were blessed with four beautiful children that John loved very much. He was very proud of all his children and loved to be with his family above all else. Almost five years ago John and Julie were blessed to add a beautiful granddaughter to their family. John could not have been more delighted.

John served his country in the Utah Air National Guard. During Operation Desert Storm his unit was activated and although they never left the US, he was ready to do whatever was asked of him. In 1989 John was privileged to join the Salt Lake City Police Department, a job he had wanted for a long time. He spent the majority of his career as a Patrolman. He loved being a street cop as it allowed him to serve his fellowman in so many ways. Another favorite assignment was School Resource Officer at East High School. He enjoyed working with the kids there and made many lasting friendships in that assignment. He also worked for a short time as a larceny detective. Because of his health he was forced to retire earlier this year after 32 years of service to his fellow officers and the citizens of Salt Lake City.

John loved fishing with friends and with family. He enjoyed playing guitar for his family and for friends. He was a life-long learner and loved to watch Jeopardy and to play online trivia games with anyone who would challenge him. He was an avid University of Utah fan. One of his favorite



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things was taking his kids to Utah football games. He would take each child to dinner and a game. His kids will always remember those times fondly. As his health declined, he was unable to attend the games in person, but he found that he also loved watching the games from the comfort his father-in-law's couch.

John is survived by wife, Julie; two daughters, Maggie and Emma Lundgren; two sons, Nicholas and Alexander Lundgren; and his granddaughter, Nora. He is also survived by his sisters, Leanne Hill and Janice Lundgren, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Mount Jordan 7th Ward chapel at 235 E 9800 South. Friends may call Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 and on Friday prior to the service from 9:30-10:45 at the same location.

Interment at Mountain View Memorial Estate, 3115 East 7800 South, Cottonwood Heights, Utah.



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KL

**Kathy Langeland** posted:

Working as a dispatcher for SLC911, I had the privilege of working with "Officer Lundgren". He was so kind and warm to all the dispatchers, and willing to serve the community in whatever capacity he was called. Despite the challenges he faced-especially while battling cancer, he was always so kind, and never complained. John just seemed to take life in stride. I express my love and gratitude to him, and to his family for all the sacrifices they made that enabled him to serve our country, and the citizens of Salt Lake City. John Lundgren is loved, and a void is felt, and will resonate for quite some time. My love and condolences go out to his family.-Kathy

November 4 at 4:51 AM

RW

**Robert Woodbury** posted:

I met John in 1992 working the SLCPD 916 van. I left, and upon returning 4 years later had lost all seniority. When it came to sign up for the 24th Parade, John told me to sign up, and he would take my shift so I could spend time with my young family (being a Hotel number he could go where he wanted, or not at all). We did this for many, many years. Just a small insight to how he would do things for others. You will be missed John.

October 14 at 5:19 AM

ET

**Ethel Taylor** October 17 at 4:29 PM

John became a 30 year member of our family, when we needed an officer at our church carnival, he was so kind & caring for the older people, & he spoke Spanish, which a lot of the Spanish feel comfortable, Fr. Diaz, said we will have him for security all the time, which we did every year for 15 years, my husband told the first time they met come to the & eat with us, he did & we became close to him, my sons & daughter were like brothers & sister him, he would turn the police lights on for the grandkids.. when George got very close to the end, he said to John I want you all polished in uniform to carry me & believe me he was TOP NOTCH, SUCH A LOVING CARING PERSON, THAT WAS JOHN, WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU....ALL OUR LOVE TO HIS FAMILY. he will always be in our hearts..Ethel Taylor & family, Bill Cooley,

KB

**Kim O Birkinshaw** October 14 at 7:37 PM

I met John at Church in Sandy & became good friends with him. John would come by where I use to work or call me for his Sheet Metal needs and he Patrolled the BallPark Area 13th South & would stop by to just say hi. R.I.P. John I will miss you..... My sincere Condolences to his Family at this Hard Time!!!



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KA

**Kaitlyn** posted:

Sorry for your lost

October 14 at 4:28 AM

SC

**Scott Curtis** posted:

I got to work with him a bit as a crime scene investigator. He was always so kind and he really was good with people. You could tell that in conversation he cared about what we'd talk about. My heart goes out to his family.

October 13 at 3:58 PM

RH

**Rachael Hall** posted:

I knew John through working with him at LDS hospital ER. I loved chatting with him, and I always felt safe when he was around. He would often walk me to my car when my shift ended in the middle of the night. He would help me scrape my windows or remove snow when my car needed it. I remember one time in particular he seemed to be eager to get me out when I was lingering after a shift. When we got to my car, he had gone out 15 minutes before my shift ended and scraped my car! It was one of the most thoughtful things a coworker had done. I remember being so grateful after a long 12-hour shift that I didn't have to remove a bunch of snow before still driving home. He was always thinking of others and he will be sorely missed!

October 13 at 12:17 PM



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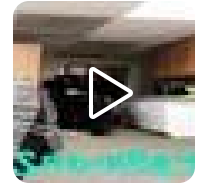
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**Ever Vogler** shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I became friends with John during his time as an SLPD at LDS Emergency Department. He was so kind, thoughtful, and funny. His sense of humor drew everyone in. He inspired me to become a responsible gun owner as a young woman living alone - encouraged me to take self defense classes and always advocate for myself. I learned so much from my time with John and I am forever thankful that I was able to know such a great man. He is forever in my heart & his family are in my prayers. A great light was lost but I know he's up there making others laugh now.



October 13 at 10:44 AM



**Ethel Taylor** November 17 at 9:01 PM  
cool that happy smile



**Rod Hubble** October 14 at 11:22 AM  
Wow, John was such a good man. I got to meet him only once, but all the shared stories of him, and his smile even in those last days, made me a fan of his life and work. He was a great man. Blessings to his family and friends. Rod Hubble



**Rick Wall** posted:

I was lucky enough to meet John (Johnny as I called him) when I joined the SLCPD family. He was one of those folks that you just couldn't help but love because of his sincere heart. He truly was a kind soul. He was so even keeled that I'm not sure I ever saw him lose his cool. And that is one of the most important skills needed as a law enforcement professional. Johnny just held a special place in my heart. I liked giving him a little crap once in a while and ribbing him and sometimes I may have even embarrassed him a little, but he would just bust put in a laugh letting me know he got a kick out of it. I'm sad to hear of his passing but I'm guessing that the big guy upstairs needed him for a greater purpose. Keep smiling Johnny and may your family find peace in the wonderful memories you all made together until you are all together again. Much love my brother Rick WallK25r

October 13 at 5:28 AM



**Chip** posted:

I loved working with John. He was a great person and we always had fun together. We would tease and taunt each other whenever BYU and the U played each other. He will be missed.

October 13 at 5:08 AM



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MW

**Melissa Warner** posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing John working at the Salt Lake City Police Dept. He was so very kind. I was sad to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to the family. Thank you John for the pleasure of knowing you. Melissa Warner

October 13 at 3:38 AM

ND

**Nick Deland J24** posted:

John was on of my favorite colleagues at SLCPD, and we enjoyed many La Frontera lunches. Gone too soon my friend.

October 12 at 8:05 PM

VW

**Vearla Warner** lit a candle in honor of John.

I met John through my brother Art James. I have never met a more wonderful person & the greatest Police Officer in my life. He was a delight to be around. He was always there to lend a helping hand no matter what the situation was. You couldn't help but Love Him. He was Art's best friend & I considered him a personal friend also. He was taken away from us all way too early. He will be missed & forever in our Hearts. Vearla Warner



October 12 at 8:05 AM

AJ

**Art James** lit a candle in honor of John.

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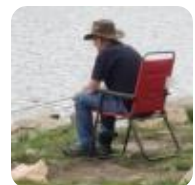
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AJ

**Art James** shared a photo to the **Friend** album.

October 12 at 7:18 AM





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AJ

**Art James** sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

When one loses their best friend it's as if a piece of the heart has been torn away. I will miss my best friend who was taken away far too early for as long as I shall live. The memories are many and I will take comfort in knowing that a new bright star is shining in the heavens. My sincere condolences to John's family for they know even better than I what a good man he was. Always ready to jump out there and give a helping hand to those who needed it. I am very proud to call him my best friend. God speed John.



October 12 at 6:45 AM

SW

**Susan Warner** November 21 at 8:51 AM

I am so sad to hear of John's passing and sad that I missed the funeral. Julie, please know that I thought the world of John. He and I both grew up in Bountiful but really became close friends as we were attending the U. I remember many Sunday afternoons when he and I would go on drives. He would listen to me cry over my "guy frustrations" and talk me off the ledge. LOL I remember we would drive by your house sometimes (early on when he first met you) and then we would drive by my now husbands house. I lost touch with John after we both married, but ran into him a few times as we navigated raising children, etc. I can tell you that you and his kids meant the world to him. Big Hugs to you and know that John made a difference in this world! Susan Bowers Warner

PR

**Peggy Call, Slcpd Retired** October 13 at 7:57 AM

So sad, John had a smile for everyone, he was a great cop and friend, one of the of the really really good guys!!so sad he had to endure his health problems. I worked with John at SLCPD for many years.Recentlyi saw John at Este Pizza getting lunch and my grandson met him and remarked "He must be a good cop and he's a nice guy, oh yes he is grandson!!!!He was so impressed that John took the time to talk to him.RIP John, you will be missed by many but know you made a lasting impression on us all.

PM

**Peter Lenz, Md** October 12 at 4:40 PM

I met John when he worked at LDS Hospital ER doing security shifts for us. He certainly made me feel safer, but more importantly he was a comforting friend at work. Later, we learned we had a common interest: acoustic guitar.I sincerely regret that I lost touch with him. He was a very good man.



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Favorite pass time.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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