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John Blaine Joseph passed away peacefully on May 9, 2023, at the age of 84. Known by many in his early career as JJ, John was born on June 9, 1938, in Birmingham, England, to Alvin William Joseph and Florence Louise Goode. He spent his early years in Handsworth with his older sister Pat, with whom he remained close throughout his life, especially in their later years. John was born with a cheery and kind personality and despite losing his mother at the age of two, he remained a happy child. Throughout his life, John had an infectious positivity that endeared him to all who knew him.

In 1966, John's life changed forever when he met the love of his life, June Fountain, in Scotland. Within one week of meeting, John knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her and he proposed marriage. They waited patiently to be granted permission by June's father and in 1967 they were married in Hull, Yorkshire and sealed together in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple in London, England. They immediately purchased a home in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and started building their family. Their first child, Adam, was born just nine months later, followed by Mark, Spencer, Jared, Ruth, Rachael, Eve, Emma, Kathleen, and David. John and June devoted their lives to raising their children, and their home was always filled with love, laughter, music and warmth. Their family was their greatest joy. They instilled in their children the same values of faith, hard work and compassion that they had always held dear.

During these happy years, John worked as a sheet metal worker, and was the last surviving member of a skilled team of prototypes who hand-built the aluminum Jaguar E-Type racing car. As the car manufacturing industry began to move out of Coventry, John adapted and started a small carpet cleaning company called Joseph's Dream Clean. Known for his jolly disposition and colorful decorated Toyota van, John became a well-known figure around town. John was a hard worker who took pride in his craft, and his dedication was evident in the loyal clientele he built over the years. Despite the demands of raising a large family, John remained committed to his work and often went above and beyond to provide exceptional service. He even chauffeured his



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children in his trusty van across the lengths of England to ensure their safe arrival at church events, all while maintaining his busy schedule. John's unwavering work ethic and devotion to his children were an inspiration to all who knew him.

John was a lifelong and devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and his unwavering faith was an integral part of his life. Throughout his life, he selflessly served his community in numerous callings bringing joy and happiness to everyone he met. His infectious energy, generosity and kindness will be forever remembered. John's compassionate heart was always on display through his hospitality. He never hesitated to welcome anyone in need into his home with open arms and a warm meal. He often went above and beyond, sending them away with one of his coats or clothing to warm their day. His acts of kindness touched the lives of many and left a lasting impact on those he encountered. His commitment to building strong relationships and upholding the values of a Christian home was evident in the lasting bonds he forged with his closest friends and family, especially his beloved wife June and their children.

In 1996, John, June, and their five youngest children immigrated from Warwickshire, England to South Jordan, Utah, where they purchased a beautiful home with an unobstructed view of the Wasatch Mountains. John's expertise in sheet metal fabrication allowed him to create intricate metal features in various locations around Temple Square in Salt Lake City and even at Grand Central Station in New York City. In his free time, John cherished the opportunity to spend quality time with his sister Pat, who had immigrated decades earlier; they made up for lost time by creating precious memories together. John and June also found a loving and supportive community within their church family, who welcomed them with open arms and made them feel right at home.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, June Joseph; his children, Mark, Spencer, Jared, Ruth, Rachael, Eve, Emma, Kathleen, David, and Gary Cotterill; his 19 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild, who were the pride and joy of his life. He is also survived by his sister, Judie Joseph. John was preceded in death by his dear mother, Florence Louise Goode; his father, Alvin William Joseph; his beloved sister, Patricia Anne Beale; and his beautiful son, Adam Joseph. John's memory will live on through his loving family and the countless people he touched throughout his life.

<https://soundcloud.com/eveashworth/john-joseph-funeral-recording>



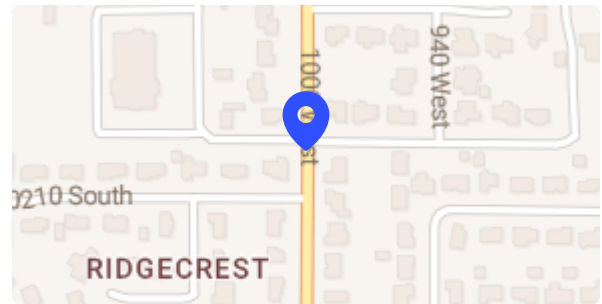
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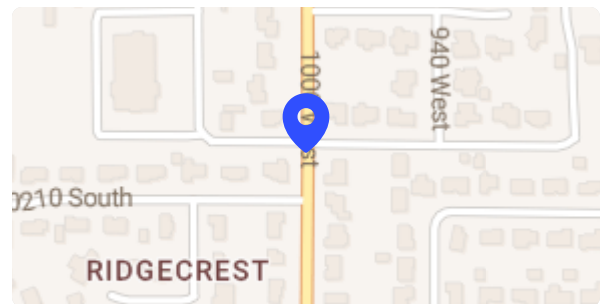
Visitation

- Monday**, May 15, 2023
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM MT
- River Ridge 5th Ward**
10168 South 1000 West, South Jordan UT 84095



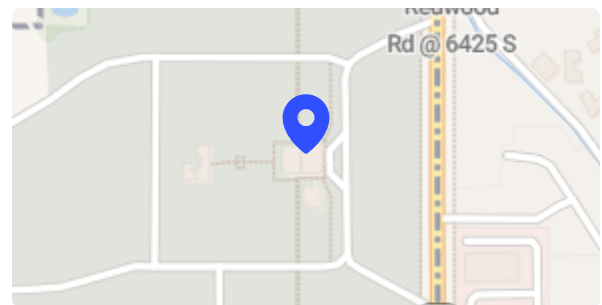
Funeral Service

- Monday**, May 15, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT
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Cemetery Details

- Redwood Memorial**
6500 South Redwood Road, West Jordan UT 84129





Tribute Wall

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Samantha Humphries (Martin) shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



John has been a constant force in my life of 55 years. His son Mark was spot on when he said his dad lived a life of relentless service. John was the epitome of compassion, and discipleship, sometimes to a fault. He did the best he could with what he was given and worked hard to better himself and provide for his family. His faith carried him through the challenges in his life and his solid testimony of the Plan of Salvation was an inspiration. He related to people from all walks of life and spoke to everyone. I will miss his stories and his jokes and his cheerful smile. I will miss the sparkle in his blue eyes, and the discerning way he seemed to look deep into the soul when he would use his standard greeting of "Hello Lovely, how are you"?

May 16 at 8:05 AM



Rachel Bicknell shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



John was a friend to my husband Lee for many years, when Lee was a new convert in the Nuneaton ward in England. June introduced Lee to me, when he came to Salt Lake City for a holiday. John was my husband's best man at our wedding, which was special, because Lee knew very few people here when we got married, over twenty years ago. John made Lee feel comfortable here because of their friendship in England. We loved John dearly and we'll miss him. Rachel and Lee Bicknell

May 15 at 7:57 PM



Rachel Bicknell posted:

John was a friend for many years, to my husband, Lee, who was a new convert in the Nuneaton ward in England. June introduced me to Lee when he came to Salt Lake City for a holiday. We've been friends with June and John over twenty years now. John was my husband's best man at our wedding, which was special because Lee knew very few people here in Salt Lake City when we got married. John was a comfort to Lee, someone from England and a loyal friend. We love him dearly and will miss him. Rachel and Lee Bicknell

May 15 at 7:44 PM



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RB

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May 15 at 7:31 PM

CC

Christy Carter posted:

Our sincerest condolences to your family. We were able to join via Zoom and hear about John's incredible life. I wish we had known of his passing before yesterday so we could properly pay our respects. We admire you, John (and June), for your love for the gospel and Jesus Christ. Whether you believe in an afterlife, or not, it's an awesome thought that we get to see one another in our most perfect state when we pass from this life. He's walking and dancing, and probably has a few jokes to share with his loved ones on the other side. God bless.

May 15 at 10:54 AM

VG

Vyktoria Gee posted:

John, What an incredible life you had. I had the privilege of being part of your family for a few years, and I'm sad that it took until now to learn about some of the amazing things I heard today. I will cherish the time I got to know you, hear your jokes, and be in the presence of your infectious laughter. Your granddaughter Luna may not fully understand what's going on right now, but I will be sure to raise her to know how much her grandpa loves her and was always eager to greet her with a big hug. Your cheerful spirit lives on through her. I'm sorry we didn't get a chance to properly say goodbye today, but I hope we'll meet again on the other side. Rest easy. ☐

May 15 at 10:39 AM



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SI

Shirley Iliffe posted:

We loved Johns funeral service today and thank you for arranging this. We were both moved by John's life story which we were partly involved in and looked upon John as a dear, loving friend. He will always be a legend talked about in the Birmingham and Coventry Stake by all those who knew him. We are so grateful for all the happy experiences we have of John which now become fond memories for us. His testimony of the gospel was always a great strength to us and we shall be ever grateful for his friendship and kindness. He left behind a loving family and our deepest sympathy is with you at this time and we send much love to you all. We shall miss you John and have no doubt that we shall meet again Shirley and Tony

May 15 at 8:53 AM

JJ

Judie Joseph posted:

Dear June and family, our heartfelt condolences and love to all. John was a very special person, a loving husband and a great father. May he live in our hearts forever. Love Judie, April and Christian xoxo

May 14 at 7:32 AM

AP

Angela Timms (Pounder) shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My favorite jolly Englishman. I will miss your big heartfelt smile that was always on your face. I will miss our haircuts and sincere conversations, your jokes that you always laughed at more than me ! Your quirky accentric ways that were unique to only you, but most of all I will miss your story telling...there is no-one that could tell a story and make you feel like you were actually there like John Joseph. You have been part of my life since I was 8yrs old, served as my Bishop in England then both moved to Utah & lived 10 minutes away for the last 20 years. Your presence will be greatly missed by all especially your sweet Brummy who was always by your side 🐾 Johns love for dogs is well known, I had the privilege of taking the last photograph 2 days before his passing when he requested me to bring my new puppy over. It made his day, I will cherish it & miss my dear jolly Englishman.



May 13 at 6:51 PM



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KD

Kathleen {Daughter} posted:

Hard working, charismatic, loving, Funny, and the best dancer ever. Dad I love you so much and I am going to miss every single thing about you. You have been the force that shaped me as a person. I have always strived in life to make you proud of me and I am so grateful I was blessed enough to have a solid dad in my life. I pray you continue to guide in life.

May 12 at 2:34 PM

CS

Christine Skelton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

This was a wonderful man who was a great blessing to his wife, June. Together they made a fantastic couple. I was privileged to be a bridesmaid at their wedding.



May 11 at 11:26 PM

TA

Tina Aguilar May 12 at 12:14 PM

I just wanted to say thank you John Joseph for always making my family and I welcome not only in your home but you life,my most cherished memory is on the 4th of July when you invited us to come and watch fireworks at your home you offer treats and stacks for us while we watched the fireworks mostly offered love to my family and that's the most precious memory I have,you always treated us like family even after the divorce of my daughter Celeste and David I thank you for always having a good heart and always accepting us and treating us like family no matter the situation you will be truly missed especially by my little man Kingston you were a big part of his life thank you for loving him the way you did he will miss you as well,Rest in paradise and always watch down on us, as I know you will.

JS

John Stilgoe posted:

John was one of the kindest most generous men I have ever met. Nothing seemed to phase him. He renovated a huge house from the ground up. He is the only person I know who turned up at the airport with a huge, heavy rolling tool chest when he was emigrating. It cost so much in extra fees that he had to borrow money from a fellow member who was there with them to see them off. It shows the love and trust for him that someone would lend money to someone going to the other side of the world, permanently. From what I've heard his tools and skills came in handy when making things in metal around temple square. It is really sad for me that such an awesome person has now left us. My thoughts go out to June and his children at this tough time.

May 11 at 11:22 PM



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Kathy Johnson posted:

John & June - I could never have asked for better friends, neighbors and family. John, ever since I moved in - you looked after Colt & I. Nikki is going to miss her time on the porch with you and I'm going to miss the "Hi lovely" every time I saw you. Colt will miss the coaching and advice you always freely gave him for welding and letting him teach you what he knew about cars. Flying free from pain now, spending time with Adam & your Mama and watching after June and the kids is your new calling. What a blessing you have been to everyone's lives! Thank you and love you always - Kathy, Colt & Nikki

May 11 at 4:07 PM



Celeste M Aguilar posted:

John you've always been so good to me even when David and I got divorced. You always treated me like nothing changed and I was still family and loved me no matter what. When Kingston was born we knew that we wanted you to be apart of him forever and so we decided to give him his middle name of John and when learned of that you never left his side and as he was growing up you showed him things throughout the years and he loved you so very much..he calls you his best friend and for that I'm grateful and he was blessed with a grandpa like you! Thank you for always loving him and we will miss you, your smile, your laugh and your teddy bear hugs and especially just miss your presence. Rest in paradise John ❤️

May 11 at 9:25 AM



Eve Ashworth shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thank you for showing us what it means to be kind, selfless, and hardworking. Your unwavering faith and devotion to your family and service have left an indelible mark on our lives. You will be deeply missed, but your legacy of love and service will live on through us and those whose lives you touched.



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June & John with Samantha & Bruce February 2023



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