



John Grandine

August 1, 1938 - January 13, 2014

John M. Grandine, of Hartford, passed away Monday, January 13, 2014 at the age of 75 years. He was born August 1, 1938 in Crandon, Wisconsin, the son of Lester and Amy {nee Smith} Grandine. The youngest of seven children, John was born and raised on the family's 80-acre farm in Crandon. After graduating from Crandon High School in 1956, he earned a degree in Botany at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1960. Degree in hand, he joined his father-in-law Robert Klockow, Sr. on the faculty of Hartford Union High School that Fall. This was his true calling, as he spent the next forty years there inspiring students by teaching mathematics, coaching cross-country and wrestling, and serving as athletic director and co-curricular coordinator. John was a devout Christian and member of the First United Methodist Church. He loved fishing, card games, high school sports, Badger athletics and cooking breakfasts for his guests at "Grand Inn." He and his wife Dorothy founded and ran the Hartford Duplicate Bridge Club. John achieved the rank of Gold Life Master with the American Contract Bridge League.

John is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Joseph Grandine, and his sisters Lois Wright and Rosemary Thompson.

He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy (nee Klockow) Grandine, his sons Thomas (Patricia) Grandine and David (Julie) Grandin, his granddaughters Hayley and Hannah Grandine and Gabrielle and Madeline Grandin, his

brother Lester Grandine, his sisters Faith Bentley and Alice Stapel and his brothers-in-law Robert (Barbara) Klockow and E. Dale Thompson.

In celebration of John's life, family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, January 17 from 1-4 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 738 West Monroe Avenue, Hartford. A memorial celebration will follow at 4 PM at the Church. Rev. Paul Johnsen will officiate.

Memorials to Hartford's BEST (Better Education Scholarship Trust), c/o First National Bank of Hartford, or First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund in John's name would be appreciated.

The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home of Hartford is serving the family.

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Our deepest condolences' to the family.*

Dick & Kathy Dennis - January 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Mr Grandine was a remarkable teacher. As a sophomore geometry student, Mr Grandine was inspired my love of mathematics, ultimately leading me to pursue a career engineering. My deepest sympathy to the entire Grandine/Klockow family.*

Jenny - January 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *I had Mr Grandine for my geometry class at HUHS. Needless to say I did not like math. At all. But Mr Grandine took the time to work with me both in and out of class while making it almost fun at the same time. I learned a lot about geometry and myself in that class and could never thank him enough for that. I have always told everyone that that was the one class I had learned the most in and had the best teacher ever! Heaven has gained a true angel. May God be with your family.*

Jessica - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dorothy, please accept my sympathy for the passing of your beloved husband. John (Mr. Grandine) was my high school geometry teacher and I always appreciated his kindness and good humor. My mother, Anita, always appreciated his visit when he would bring by some of your delicious soup. I know he will be missed and I wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Joan Reed Scheu - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sorry for your loss, Dorthy. Loved working with John when I was President of the Wrestling Club and on the board of HUHS. He was a great teacher and man. He will be missed.

Cheryl Monnahan - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ With sincere sympathy to the entire Grandine/Klockow family. Your loss is heaven's gain.

Mike and Dawn Hennes Family - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I am thinking of you, Dorothy. Sorry for your loss.

Kelly from Lincoln

kelly (Turnquist) Erickson - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ Our sympathies to Dorothy and her family on the loss of John. We have kind memories of the Grandine family from our years in Hartford.

Gail and John Underwood

Gail and John Underwood - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sophomore Geometry was always a bright spot for me at HUHS. I was too timid and not knowledgeable enough in sports to bet an apple but I always enjoyed the banter of Mr Grandine's class. A remarkable teacher and a good man.

Mary Lieven Christianson - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM