



John Sackerson

February 16, 1955 - February 16, 2007

NORWAY- John C. Sackerson, 52, of Norway, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on Nov. 17, 1954, in Lake Forest, IL the son of Gilbert and Gladys (Underhill) Sackerson.

John spent his childhood in Lake Forest, IL. He graduated from Lake Forest High School and the Chicago Fire Academy. He was a fireman for the Lake Bluff, IL fire department for over twenty years.

After moving to Norway, John worked as a security guard at the Niagara Paper Mill.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and collecting fire department memorabilia.

John was a very kindhearted man. He was a good friend to many and was respected by all who knew him.

He married Karrie Kotwica on March 7, 1981 in Lake Forest, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Karrie, his father Gilbert "Gibb", his foster son Eugene, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Gladys.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1p.m. to -2 p.m. at Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21,. at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of John C. Sackerson may be expressed online at <http://www.tondinfuneralhome.com>

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Breeze, today would have been our 45th anniversary. You are still missed!



Karrie - March 07 at 11:33 PM

KA

“ Another year goes by. This morning you softly stroked my cheek. Very comforting, even after all these years. I'm sending you heavenly hugs.



Karrie - February 16 at 10:13 PM

KA

“ Thinking about you on your birthday. Not a day goes by where you are not on my mind!



Karrie - November 07, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KA

“ *And another anniversary goes by. You are still loved and so missed!*

*Love,
Karrie*



Karrie - March 08, 2025 at 01:46 AM

KA

“ *Still on my mind and in my heart. I guess you always will be!*



Karrie - February 16, 2025 at 05:47 AM

KA

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday, Beans. Always on my mind!*



Karrie - November 18, 2024 at 01:41 AM

KA

“ *Another Anniversary passes. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. It is said that time heals all wounds. It's so not true. It still feels like it was just yesterday. Forever in my heart!*



Karrie - March 07, 2024 at 02:24 PM

KA

“ It would have been 42 years today, Beans.
You're still in my heart.



KaLynn - March 08, 2023 at 01:26 AM

KL

“ 16 years ago today, Bees... you're still in my
heart.



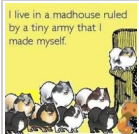
Karrie Lynn-Sackerson - February 15, 2023 at 05:23 AM

KL

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday, Beez. You are still
loved and missed!



Karrie Lynn-Sackerson - November 19, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ Hey Beez, another birthday passes. Happy Heavenly Birthday! I
know it's not on the exact date but storms took out our internet, but I
did try. You are still missed and thought of every day.
Love, Kar

Ka Lynn - November 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM

KL

“ Another year goes by. You still come to me on dreams. Know you're still in my heart! I know you and Carol Jean are laughing it up up there!



Ka Lynn - February 17, 2020 at 12:44 PM

KL

“ Not a day goes by that I don't think about you, even after all this time. Still missin ya, Beeze!



Karrie Lynn - September 13, 2018 at 10:30 PM

KA

“ Still having very vivid dreams of you. I hope you know how much you are still loved and still missed. I know Cap, Chat, and Fancy are taking good care of you.
Love,
Karrots



Karrie - March 09, 2017 at 06:21 PM

KL

“ You are still loved and still in my heart.



Karrie Lynn - August 11, 2016 at 08:51 AM

KL

“ *Still loved and still missed, Beez!*
Love, Karrots



Karrie Lynn - December 25, 2015 at 04:02 AM

KA

“ *You are still loved and still missed!*



Karrie - August 25, 2015 at 06:49 AM

KW

“ *Thank you to all who still remember and post here in remembrance of John.*
Cheryl, it is good to see you are still around! Doug, Thank you for sharing your story, it was so like John to do and say such things.
smiles fondly

Karrie - Norway, MI - Wife - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Beez, another anniversary comes and goes and my heart still feels the heaviness of your loss. Know that you were and still are so loved and missed!*
Love,
Karrots

Karrie - Norway, MI - Wife - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ At the first fire I was ever at with LBFD my partner and I - both probies - were waiting by the 2nd oldest rig per protocol - as John walked towards the officer's seat.

"What - you need a written invitation? Get on." he said.

When we arrived on location the fire was mostly out, and we got detailed to perform a secondary search. When we were done we were standing on th second floor. John's mask was hanging down, so we didn't don ours.

Being newbies, our eyes were stinging and throats were burning. John looked over, took a pull from his cigareete and said "If you guys want to mask up, go ahead".

We scurried to go on air as John smiled.

He was a great man, and will be truly missed.

Douglas Winston - Waukegan, IL - Protege - May 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ happy birthday!

cheryl tinkes - grayslake, IL - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

I'm glad you keep him in your thoughts too, Cheryl. Hope you're doing well.

Karrie - February 16, 2025 at 05:59 AM

PD

“ Dear Karrie, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of John. I did not know that he followed in Gib's foot steps playing Santa. I sat on Gib Santa's lap as a child. The Sackerson and Evert Sr. family was very close. I am older than John was and I do remember him as a baby and watched us both grow up. I have fond memories of visiting all 3 homes on North Ave. and Scranton. I miss the good old days in Lake Bluff and all the wonderful people that touched my life growing up. I live in L.B. now again. But, it is not the same without the great people who used to be there. Take Care and say Hello to Gib for us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Shari (Evert) and Pat Driscoll

Pat & Shari (Evert) Driscoll - May 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Karrie, John and I were childhood friends in Lake Bluff back in the 60's. John was a great guy and we had a lot of fun together when he was a volunteer fireman on the Lake Bluff FD. Please accept my heartfelt condolences-he will be remembered. Chris Munshower

Chris Munshower - March 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Karrie, I was so shocked and so saddened to get the email from your dad telling me about John. My mom (Aunt Jessie)loved him and you so very much. I only visited with him and you a few times before I moved to Florida but I liked him amd I always had good thoughts and memories of him and of the two of you together. I looked at his memorial web site and I was shocked to realize you were married so very long.Where could the time have gone? You were just my little cousin yesterday. I am glad that you had each other and the love that was so obvious when you were together. Love, Lynda

Lynda Woodget - February 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Karrie-two great men have been lost in this world. How ironic that the time they lost their lives was so close to one another. I am sure that they are in heaven having coffee together keeping watch over us all. Our sympathies goes out to you. The Dave Hertig family. Don, Dani, Mike, Casey, Josh, Dan, Denise, Aaron, Colin, & Ian.*

Denise Duke - February 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Thank you ALL, for posting such wonderful words and for sharing all your memories. John and I have always been grateful for family and friends, and have always kept all in our prayers. As posts on this board come in, I will try hard, to reply to each and every one. I hope that you will keep the good memories of John alive in your hearts.*

*God Bless You All,
Karrie*

Karrie - February 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Karrie, My deepest sympathy on the passing of John. It's been many years now, but I still remember the the days of John being on the Lake Bluff Fire Department and the rivlalry between Knollwood and them. John always had a way of putting things into perspective with his sense of humor. He will be missed. Your in my prayers. Jeff Rudolph (Knollwood Fire Department)*

Jeff Rudolph - February 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Karrie,
John brought a sense of wonder, fun, and celebration into our house each Christmas Eve night. You, I believe, were out in the sleigh hidden from young questioning eyes, as he, tall and larger than life to his awaiting audience strode purposely across the snowy lawn - long curly white beard, bright red suit and of course the fireman boots. When you moved to Norway, we thought about asking around to find someone to fill John's boots, but just didn't. I think we knew that those times with John weren't interchangeable. John gave us the twinkle of Santa. We are thankful and will always remember. He is missed. Brenda Dick

Brenda Dick - February 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Karie,
I just wanted to express sympathy from all of the Lawrence Family to you and Gibb. John was such a great guy. We have missed all of you since leaving Lake Bluff. You are in our prayers.

Jeff Lawrence - February 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Karrie, you may remember that John played Santa Claus for our family gathering every Christmas eve in Lake Forest for many years. Those children who used to sit on his lap are now around 30 years old. He was the best Santa and played the role so well that they all were believers. Ill always remember when we asked if Santa would like a refreshment and the reply would come " Thank you, yes, Santa has a long night ahead of him" and he'd walk out into the snow and across the ravine with large paper cup of some potent cheer. Our condolences to your family from ours. John will be remembered forever. God Speed Santa Claus.

John Dick Family - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Sorry to hear about John.*

John @ Gail Frederiksen - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dear Karie,
I am the mother of one of the 30 year old children in the Dick family and I want to join in expressing my sympathy to you and your family. Your dear husband gave so much to our family at our Christmas Eve gatherings! My son used to see the Santas in the mall and declare they must be Santa's helpers because the real Santa comes to Uncle John's on Christmas Eve.*

Maddie Dugan - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Mrs. Sackerson--I am one of John Dick's children who used to sit on your husband's lap on Christmas Eve. I am now 31! Your husband added so much cheer to that night with his wry sense of humor (he definitely had to deal with a terrified two year old every few years!), I can only imagine how much he touched his friends and family who got to be with him all the time. He will always be remembered in our family.*

Elisabeth Dick - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *Karrie - You are in my thought and prayers. We will miss John;he touched so many of our lives. John was a big part of my life growing up in Lake Bluff. John was interesting and a fun person to to be around. I am lucky person to have known John and to have been able to have had many great times with him.*

I will keep you in my prayers.

Jim Young & Family.

Jim Young - February 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Karrie Lynn:*

My condolences' go out to you for the loss of John, He was a great friend of mine and to every one who knew him,he was just a great person. I would have liked to have attended the funeral,but we have two deaths in our family that needs to be addressed. Please take care of yourself and God Bless you.

Jim(Shorty)DeLodngchamp

jim(shorty)delongchamp - February 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Karrie-

I am SO sorry to hear about John. He will be dearly missed. I always enjoyed visiting with John when he came into the animal hospital. I am at a loss for words except to express my most sincere sympathy. I pray that you will find comfort in the Lord. I will keep you in my prayers.

Diane Peppler (Hometown Animal Hospital)

Diane Peppler - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM