



## John St. Germain

August 6, 1942 - August 6, 2009

SPREAD EAGLE, Wis - John L. St. Germain, 67, of Spread Eagle and Marco Island, FL, died Thursday, August 6, 2009 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

John was born July 8, 1942 in Detroit, MI, son of Eugenia (Smith) St. Germain and the late John L. St. Germain Sr.

John married Shirl Priester on December 27, 1985 in Spread Eagle, WI.

He earned a Master's degree from University of Wisconsin - Madison. John purchased his first Burger King in 1983 and eventually owned and operated several BK restaurants. He also was instrumental in purchasing and starting many different restaurant concepts; Burger King, Fenders, Pizzeria Unos, and Tumbleweed. He was extremely successful in his business career; holding the position of CEO for the majority of his life. Most recently he was the CEO of Diamondback Management INC.

He was extremely passionate about many of his loves in life. He enjoyed golf, football, history, fishing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. We will all miss the love and enthusiasm that you spread into our lives.

He leaves his wife, Shirl; his mother, Eugenia Kurz of Marquette; three sons,

Eric (Amy) and Brian (Kathy) of Marquette, and Peter of Naples, FL; three grandchildren, Luke, Emma and Amanda; one brother, Patrick (Maggie) of Marquette; and one sister, Amy (Jay) Schiro of Madison.

Besides his father, John was preceded in death by one sister, Cindy.

Visitation will be from 2:00 until 4:00pm on Monday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 4:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

Pallbearers will be Eric, Brian and Peter St. Germain, Patrick St. Germain, John Feldt and Tom Barber.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ManorCare Health Services in John's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John L. St. Germain online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash funeral home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ To Shirl, Eric Brian, and Pete. We just learned of the passing of John. We truly have a lot of fond memories of the years that Tom worked for John. John and Shirl always took great care of us as we were just starting our family. It has been many years since we have seen or spoken to any of the family but please accept our deepest condolences. We were all very lucky to have had John touch our lives. Sincerely Tom and Lori Pohnl.

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**Tom and Lori Pohnl** - August 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Shirl, Pete and Family, Sorry to hear that John as passed on into Gods hands. He was a dynamic man and boss. He will surely be missed by all that new him. Our deepest sympathy, Dorothy and David

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**Dorothy Thompson** - August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Shirl, Pete and family. I have just now found out about the passing of John and am deeply sorry for your loss. John was a fantastic man and heaven is blessed to have him. The strength and love you all shared is to be admired and treasured. I am truly blessed and honored to have known you all and know he will surely be missed. He will forever remain in your hearts as he watches over you from above until the day you are united once again. I will always hold a special place in my heart for you all and Shirl, will always admire the loving care that you provided to John, take comfort in knowing he is no longer in any pain. My love to you all. Pat Swemke

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**Pat Swemke** - August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the family of John St. Germain. So sorry to hear of your loss, best wishes in these trying times our thoughts and prayer are with you. Amen. Sincerely, Marie St. Germain and Family.

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**Marie St. Germain and Family** - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Shirl and Pete, So sorry to hear about the passing of you husband and father and grandfather, you and your families will be in my thoughts and prayers through this trying time. It is never easy when someone we love so dearly has to leave this world. I pray all the sadness will soon be replaced with happy memories. Remember to trust in the Lord and we will all be reunited with our loved ones in Heaven one day. My condolences Joyce Akkanen

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**Joyce Akkanen** - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Shirl, Thinking of you in deepest sympathy, and keeping you in thought and prayer. Through adversity, you have found strength. May you find peace in acceptance. With much love. Mary

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**Mary (Grenier) Borowy** - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Eric, Amy and the St. Germain Family,

*Our condolences regarding the loss of such a profound person in your family. I can say from the mentoring and friendship from Eric during my days at Upfront and Company (Marquette, MI) that John St. Germain instilled integrity, leadership and knowledge within his children. Pull together and celebrate the great joy of his existence (which will live on forever). Carry out his legacy and leadership in the manner he would have desired.*

*With Peaceful Regard,*

*Tony and Lacey Crispigna*

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**Tony and Lacey Crispigna (St. Paul, MN)** - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Shirl, Peter, and Family,

*I was saddened to see John's obituary in the paper and unaware that he had been ill. My condolences and thoughts are with all of you. Prayers and memories will lighten your load during this very difficult time. Please contact me upon returning to Florida.*

*My deepest sympathy,*

*Debbie Waldinger*

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**Debbie Waldinger** - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Shirl - You probably do not remember me, but I used to be best friends with Tod Hendrickson and Joyce Pietri when they were working for Burger King many years ago. My condolences and thoughts are there for you during this difficult time. Cory Schei

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**Cory Schei** - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Shirl and Family,  
I am sending my love and sympathy for the loss of John. I know how much you loved him and you did an amazing job caring for him. He will be greatly missed. You are in my heart and prayers.  
Love you,  
Sandy

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**Sandra Sullivan** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Shirl,  
Our deepest sympathy for your loss of John. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that you did all you could do to make his last years as comfortable and happy as possible. John was very lucky to have you as his wife and his friend.  
Hopefully, over time, the sadness you must feel now in your heart will be lifted and you will find peace. Our loving thoughts are with you, Bob & Lois Barber

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**Bob & Lois Barber** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Shirl..Our deepest sympathy

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**Bob and Kathy Crisci** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Shirl and Pete - How blessed John was to have your love and support until the end. The sacrifices you made to make him comfortable and loved go beyond comprehension. You both are so strong which I?m sure John could see. John will be deeply missed, but so many memories and pictures will keep him in our thoughts and our hearts.

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**Pam Thompson** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I send my heartfelt sympathy to the entire St. Germain family. It is with a heavy heart that I heard the news about John's passing. I came to know him and your family during one of the most difficult times in your lives, but I had the opportunity to see the depth of love, character and caring you had for each other. It was a remarkable kind of love. The good memories and the incredible moments you shared with will last you far longer than you will imagine. I feel very blessed to have known him.

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**Lisa Fuse** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Shirl, Peter, and family,

*There is now a star in the sky,  
that represents a wonderful Guy!  
John is watching as we mourn,  
we have to remember that he's just been "born!"  
He has no pain, he is at rest!  
We are relieved, He was the "Best!"*

*with much love, Sue and Russ*

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**sue darw** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My condolences to the family. Though gone in body, John remains in spirit in each of your hearts. Special blessings to Shirl, who worked so diligently and lovingly to provide John the best possible life.

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**Robin Story** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Shirl and Pete, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you. We have thought and will think of you and John often- Derby time, cigars, Jack Johnson, fast boat rides, golf games, train whistles, labradoodles, good food, good drink and Laughs. All 3 of you are in our hearts.*  
*Buddy and Missy*

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**Buddy and Missy Mattingly** - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *To Shirl and Peter*

*Shirl- It has been a long difficult time for you. I can only hope that your wonderful memories of your life with John will take you through this time. The good times with your son Peter and Eric and Brian over the years. The time with the grandkids. All the good memories.*  
*Thank you for so gracefully sharing with Richard and I.*

*Peter- Live a good life- your dad would want that for you. I know you will miss his so much. Take care of you mom. You only get one of those.*

*With sadness and sympathy, Cathy and Richard*

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**Cathy and Richard Knothe** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *From a mother to her sons and grandchildren:*

*Eric his wife Amy, son Luke (5) and daughter Emmalyn (4)  
Brian his wife Kathryn and daughter Amanda (13)*

*It is so hard to believe that your father has been taken so early in his life.*

*Richard and I want you to know how very sorry and sad we are for the loss of your father and the children's loss of a wonderful grandfather.*

*You shared the first 20 years of your life with your dad and I, the next 26 years with your dad, Shirl and Peter, plus myself and your step-dad Richard. The memories we all have of weddings, grandchildren being born, holidays and birthdays all of us sharing together whenever possible.*

*Keep these wonderful memories close in your heart. Share them with your kids and their kids.*

*With love to my wonderful sons,*

*Our deepest sympathy, MOM AND RICHARD*

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**RICHARD AND CATHY (St. Germain) KNOTHE** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *To the family of John St. Germain.*

*My thoughts and sympathy are with you in this difficult time but my thoughts of John are joyful.*

*I haven't visited with John in several years but my memories of poker games in Marquette and fishing trips to Stannard Rock with John are ones that I cherish. I wasn't a close friend of John's but always admired him and thoroughly enjoyed his company whenever we would be together.*

*John was a fine man, a treasured soul.*

*I wish you all the best as you remember him and keep him in your hearts.*

*Sincerely*

*Bob Sullivan*

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**Bob Sullivan** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM