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John William Bement 46, of Decatur, IL passed away April 11, 2017, at Springfield Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family as he entered his eternal home. John was born June 20, 1970, in St Augustine, FL the son of William and Linda (Burnett) Bement. John married Kathy Gower on June 5, 2000, at Starved Rock in Utica, IL.

John was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and a youth leader for over 15 years. He worked as a Fabrication Specialist at Caterpillar in Decatur, IL. John loved to camp and he enjoyed the outdoors. He also enjoyed cooking, grilling and barbequing.

John is survived by his wife, Kathy of Decatur, IL; his eldest daughter, LeAnne Bement (Adam) and grandson, Stephen of Callahan, FL; daughter Katelyn Bement of Decatur, IL; his parents, William and Linda Bement of Palatka, FL; his brothers, Rob Bement (Stephanie) of Decatur, IL and Paul Bement (Suzann) of Decatur, IL; his mother and father in-laws, Joe and Betty Griffith of Hutsonville, IL and Eric Gower of Annapolis, IL; nieces and nephews, Courtney, Austin, Aaron, Jessica, Kyle, BreeAnn, Dylan and Grace along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of John Bement will be 5 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2017, at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday before the services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to cover future expenses for Katelyn.

The family of John Bement is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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MC

Mary K Colley posted:

John I think of you alot and just want you to know how much I really miss your witt and all your survival knowledge and the love you had with God and your beautiful family. I miss you my nephew. I see things and it triggers a memory of something we talked about and tears come to my eyes knowing that now I cant call you up to reminisce over it. I truely miss you John you are mostly like your mom (grandpa my dad) now you can spend time with him! Love alway Aunt Mary K

August 17 at 12:08 PM

AP

Ana Phillips posted:

Sent a gift in memory of John William Bement

April 17 at 5:26 AM

LM

Linda Meek posted:

"Blessed are those who mourn,for they will be comforted." Matt 5:4Praying for peace and strength for your family, Jack and Linda Meek

April 17 at 5:03 AM

BB

Brian Burrell posted:

I always looked forward to seeing my cousin John because he would always lift my spirits no matter what the situation. He was beyond friendly and never anything less than genuine. My most vivid memory was how he showed me some of his artwork when I was a kid which overwhelmed me with excitement. Most of my memories around that age were blurry but that one in particular is still incredibly vivid. My only explanation is that John had that sort of impact on me, to the point where I can still see his smiling face encouraging me to keep drawing. John, I'll miss you. You were a great man and my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

April 15 at 7:12 PM

KE

Kim Edwards posted:

So sorry for your lossKim Edwards

April 14 at 2:19 PM



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SH

Shirley Harmon posted:

My heart is breaking for this fine young man's family and friends, and I am saddened by this loss. John was one of my son's best friends in high school and spent a lot of time at my house. John, Mark, and Chris were always together, and it was fun having them around. I remember John as a hard worker, a talented artist and musician, and just one of my boys. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends that God will grant you peace and comfort in this difficult time. Knowing John as I did, there could be no better tribute to him than giving your heart and life to Jesus and serving Him. I will see you again, John! With love, Shirley Fowler Harmon

April 13 at 6:37 PM

GC

Ginaboo Cloer posted:

John was a very good friend of mine. I can remember us being in band in high school and he sure was a very good drum player. I can also remember going to church with him at St. John's Baptist church on west river rd in Bostwick when his dad was our preacher. He sure is going to be missed, but never forgotten. May you R. I. P. John William Bement, your friend Gina Taylor Cloer

April 13 at 6:34 PM

DE

Debra Effinger posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bement family during this most difficult time. John was a wonderful man whom loved God and his family dearly. May his family find peace in knowing he is in a beautiful place and will remain forever in the heart of all that had the privilege to know him. RIP John, God took home a true angel. Dennis & Debi Effinger

April 13 at 2:06 PM

BH

Bill Hamby posted:

I remember High School and having Art class together. We used to compete on who was better at certain things. John was hands down better and more creative than me. He also became an inspiration to me when I gave myself to Christ. John was true and always became a light to others. "Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven". You will be truly missed and loved always. Until we meet again brother.

April 13 at 8:14 AM



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Denna Peters posted:

Smitty is sure gonna miss him them two was always making lunch plans and teasing one another we are so sorry he was a good man and will be dearly missed

April 13 at 4:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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