



# John D. Minott

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**D**ecatur-John D. Minott, 59, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2010 at his residence.

A visitation to celebrate John's life will be from 11-1 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Private family graveside services and 'Flight Home' Ceremony will be held at Fairlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

John was born May 26, 1951 in Decatur, the son of Robert and Fern Joan (Gillespie) Minott. He was a clerk at Thornton's Gas Station with over fifteen years of service. The gas station and car wash was John's passion. He enjoyed fishing and riding horses. He was a member of Greenswitch Church of God. He married Kathy Gronkowski February 12, 1972 in Decatur.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of over thirty-eight years; Kathy, children; Jennifer Masters, Joshua Minott and wife Alysia, Jessica Minott, and Jebediah Minott all of Decatur, mother; Fern Joan Minott of Decatur, brother; Brian Minott and wife Joanie of Decatur, sisters; Janet Alred and husband Larry, Cheryl Slifer, and Carol Minott all of Decatur, sisters-in-law; Nancy Rostek and Sue Mason and husband Gary all of Decatur, grandchildren; Loren, Oscar, and Kathlynn Masters, and several nieces and nephews.

He was reunited in Heaven with his loved ones.



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MS

**Mary Sunderland** posted:

I just learned of Johns passing. I am soo sorry, he was a wonderful man. I meet him at GB Oil,many many moons ago. I always got great personally by John, didn't matter how long it was between seeing him he still would remember you. We would bicker back and forth in fun. We would talk bout our familys, oh and how he would talk bout his grand babies. We always would joke he worked so much cause his wife would spend the money just as quick. But I know he enjoyed doing what he did and bring smiles to peoples faces. John will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are going out to his wife and family. Your husband and father was a wonderful man!!!

December 16 at 2:17 PM

DK

**Doug Kirk** posted:

John was a great guy. John was not the manager at Thorntons by his choice , but everone new that he was the one running that faility. John always took time to talk to me even when it was apparant that he had 100 other things going on. I will miss him very much. God bless you John !

November 27 at 3:04 PM

JL

**John And Charlotte Lawler** posted:

Extending deep and Heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.John and Charlotte

November 27 at 2:15 PM

DM

**Dawn Mccoy** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss... No matter where I seen John he always said "HEY CUZ" Dawn McCoy Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

November 27 at 2:07 PM

SH

**Sheila Hale** posted:

Carol,So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. He sounded like a great guy and very much loved. I know you will miss him deeply. Lots of love and prayers go out to you and your family. May God bless all of you.Sheila

November 27 at 12:52 PM



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KP

**Kathy Plutchak** posted:

Carol, Larry and I are sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Once again sorry for your loss.

November 27 at 11:28 AM

TB

**Terri Burns** posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. John and I worked together we had alot of fun at the station. He will be missed. My prayers are with you all.

November 27 at 6:54 AM

DB

**Debra Baginski** posted:

I FIRST MEANT JOHN AT CUB FOODS IN DECATUR WHEN IT FIRST OPENED. I WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FIRST CUB EMPLOYEES. JOHN WAS ALWAYS KIND AND JOKING WITH EVERYONE. I AM SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR HE HAS LEFT US, AND I HOPE HE DID NOT SUFFER.

November 26 at 5:31 PM

HR

**Harla Ferris Reagan** posted:

Hello from the Ferris family who lived next door to the Minotts on LaSalle Drive. Dike and I are the only ones left in Decatur. I remember John and the difficult time he had with his heart when he was young. He wasn't afraid to show the stitches and scars on his chest from his operation. Dennis and I remember fondly the lunches we had at your house during school since we didn't like the school lunches. Say hello to your mom. We were really blessed to have you as our next door neighbors.  
Harla

November 26 at 1:52 PM

PH

**Pam Hickman** posted:

I remember playing with Dudley when we wre little kids. His mom and dad would visit my mom and dad and we would have a great time playing. As we got older and would run into each other he would always remind me to call him John not Dudley. But he will always be Dudley to me. Very sorry for your loss.

November 26 at 1:14 PM



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GT

**Gary Tarter** posted:

I worked with John for several years at GB Oil. John always made the work day better with his ability to bring a smile to any situation. The only thing greater than his sense of humor is his love for his family. John will be greatly missed by all who know him.

November 25 at 6:25 PM

TO

**Tony** posted:

If a person can be measured by the impact they have on others, John was rich indeed! In the mornings at Thornton with a line of impatient customers, he greeted everyone with a smile and told them to have a great day, never rushing people or making them feel like they had anything less than his full attention. Heaven has a new angel and no doubt he will greet us at the Pearly gates with that same great smile and cheery "hello"

November 25 at 3:42 PM

RD

**Russell Doll** posted:

I am going to miss you, John. Whenever I came in to the place, I was always greeted by name and looked forward to John's witty, humorous and occasionally sarcastic comments. If you were having a bad day, just go in to Thortons on Mound Rd., John would get a smile out of you, guaranteed! I remember going in once and the line was backed up, no less than 10 customers waiting. John came out of the back, from the cooler and opened another register and in the classic John style said, "Alright, next victim!" unhappy customers, myself included, burst out laughing! Rest in peace, John, you will always be missed and remembered by all of us.

November 24 at 2:52 PM

MR

**Macon Resources** posted:

We, the staff and individuals served by Macon Resources are thinking of John's family in this time of sorrow. We will all miss him terribly.

November 24 at 12:18 PM



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**Debbie Wilson** posted:

I have known John for many years, he has always been an interesting man. He has spoke often of his children and his grandchildren. He was very proud of his family. He was also a man who enjoyed working with people—he made a point to know his customers by name, know what they normally purchased, and often times he even knew about their families. John will be greatly missed, by his family and by his customers. He had an awesome sense of humor, and a zest for life. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of sorrow and loss. John, rest in peace.

November 24 at 11:23 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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