



## John "Cubby" T. Cardinal

November 28, 1947 - October 28, 2020

John "Cubby" T. Cardinal, 72, of Fond du Lac, left to be with his Lord on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, from complications of the Coronavirus.

He was born on November 28, 1947, in Fond du Lac, the son of Leonard and Helen Fenner Cardinal. On August 31, 1967, he married his high school sweetheart Bonnie K. Detert. They recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

John worked at Mercury Marine and then worked for Fond du Lac School District until his retirement in 2014. John was a great outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting deer on his son Tim's land. He enjoyed construction projects with his son Steve. He kept busy cutting wood and caring for his income properties. He was able to travel with Bonnie and their high school friends many places, including a cruise to Alaska. In his earlier days, John really enjoyed hanging out with his sons and going to Packer games. He was blessed to have five grandchildren which he adored.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Cardinal, his sons: Steve Cardinal and Tim (Teresa) Cardinal; his grandchildren: Camry, Hayden, Aubrey, Jade and Judge; his brother Richard (Nancy) Cardinal, his sister-in-law Cindy Neuman, brothers-in-law: Bob (Kitty) Detert, Dick (Ellen) Detert and Randy

Detert; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Helen and Leonard Cardinal, his mother and father in law Virgil and Marilyn Detert, his brother David (Bea) Cardinal, and his nephew Michael Cardinal.

SERVICE: A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Edgewood Community Church, 609 Thomas Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Jeremy Thompson officiating. Cremation has taken place. Service will only be open to family. Please know that if you feel uncomfortable in any way at this time it is our families full understanding and we would ask that you keep safe. We do plan on a celebration of life to take place next year as well. There will be no gathering or meal after the service. Due to the current pandemic, masks are highly encouraged but optional.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials in John's name sent to Edgewood Community Church, 609 Thomas Street, Fond du Lac.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, [www.kurkifuneralchapel.com](http://www.kurkifuneralchapel.com). 920-921-4420.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Edgewood Community Church  
609 Thomas Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ We share everyone's sadness in hearing of John's death. Bonnie and family, know how much we all care. We met Bonnie and John years ago, when we worked together in Real Estate. We (the girls) would "drag" our husbands to many Realtor events and parties. While the Realtors talked "business" the guys would find a corner ... or a bar stool, to talk normal talk. Steve enjoyed John and their friendship. Bonnie and John were a sweet couple, a lovely couple, and a loving couple, God bless John and Bonnie. Barb and Steve Knickel

---

**Barbara Knickel** - November 07, 2020 at 09:57 AM

KH

“ My condolences to Bonnie and family. I grew up in the Greenwood St. neighborhood. Cubby was a friend of my brother, John. I remember Cubby being nice to the little sister (me). I feel this is a telling sign of what a person will grow up to be. Kind, caring and a true gentleman. Although I haven't seen John in awhile I am truly sad to hear of his death.

---

**Kitty Hansen** - November 01, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Bonnie and the entire family. We were deeply saddened to see John's obituary. We had the pleasure of being your neighbors for over 20 years. The gates of Heaven have opened once again and welcomed home a very good man. Jerry and Paula Starr

---

**Jerry and Paula Starr** - October 31, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DG

“ I worked with John in the district. I always enjoyed his hearty laugh and energy. Bonnie my condolences to you and the family. God bless. ( RIP Big John)  
Dan & Sally Grimmer

Dan Grimmer - October 31, 2020 at 10:33 AM

TT

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Cardinal family. Let all the good memories carry you through this difficult time.  
Thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Tyler Thurke family



Tyler Thurke - October 31, 2020 at 07:28 AM

BF

“ John and Bonnie and the boys were great neighbors for many years. John used to stop and say hello from time to time. He was a good person always smiling. Bonnie, Steve, Tim and families, we will be keeping you all in our prayers! God bless. Betty and Terry (Krug ) Fritch.



Betty Krug Fritch - October 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM