



## John N. Kanaday

August 20, 1946 - March 25, 2020

John N. Kanaday passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at age 73. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Donna Murphy Kanaday; three children, Kim (Doug) Archer, John Mark (Scarlet) Kanaday, and Rebecca (Matthew) Slater; six grandchildren, Jordan, John Tyler, Jake, Houston, Sara, and Ava; one brother, Clifton (Sheila) Kanaday; mother-in-law, Ann Kennedy; and numerous nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Gay Kanaday. He proudly served his country in the Alabama Army National Guard. John retired from the U.S. Postal Service after over 25 years of service. He was a beloved husband, father and Papa. He will be missed everyday by his family. After a private family service, John will be entombed at Oakwood Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John N. Kanaday*



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**Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home** - March 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ *We Love you, Papa, and we miss you so very much. In the gardens of memory, in the palace of dreams, that is where you and I shall meet.*

*Rebecca*

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**Rebecca Kanaday Slater** - February 07, 2022 at 12:08 AM

KT

“ *I know the sadness is so strong for the loss of this good man... Hold to your faith and your belief in the Lord. Remember all of your great days of happiness. Share your good times and stories with each other. Celebrate John life , not his passing. Prayers to all*



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**Katie(Kay) Tipton** - March 27, 2020 at 08:26 PM

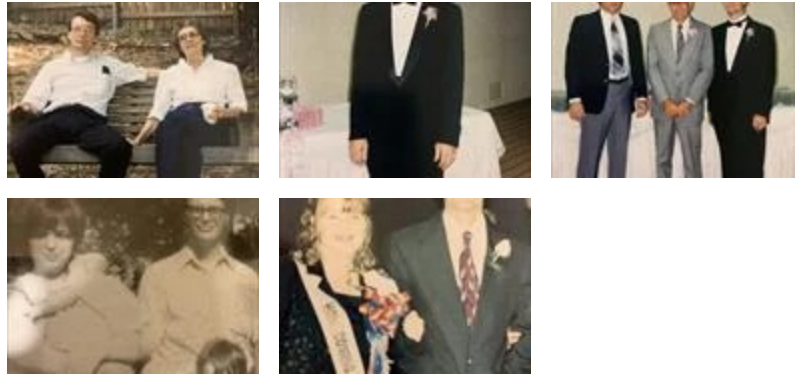
KT

“ *Share your memories, share your stories , your thoughts and prayers. Closeness will keep this family strong. I am so sorry for your loss right now , please hold on to your faith ! -*

Katie(Kay) Tipton - March 27, 2020 at 08:18 PM

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Family - March 27, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Family - March 27, 2020 at 11:08 AM

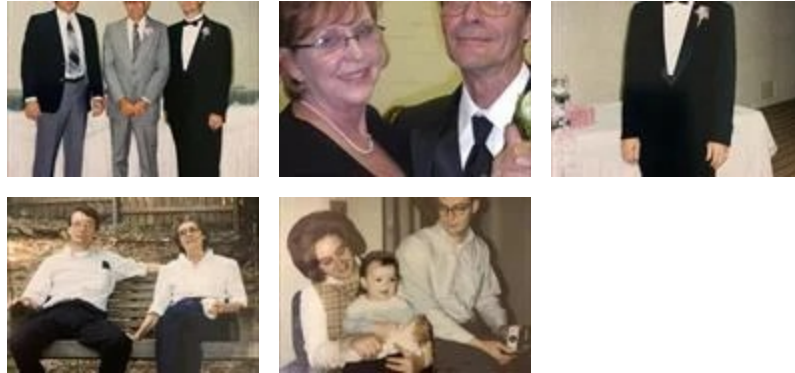
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*To such a loving couple. You both held on through good times and bad times. Very special team!  
Donna hold strong to your faith, John is with God looking down and caring for you!*

Katie(Kay) Tipton - March 27, 2020 at 08:05 PM

FA

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Family - March 27, 2020 at 09:23 AM

JC

“ I have so many different snapshots in my mind, but the one thing they all have in common is Mr. John's easy going, gentle demeanor. He was a man who was so hard working and tough all while being loving and supportive. He was a rock, and I know your family is stronger because of all that he modeled every day of his life. Peace and love to my extended family. 🙏  
I love y'all more than you'll ever know! ❤️

Julie Champion - March 26, 2020 at 11:27 PM

DC

“ My heart is breaking for you all. I know he was a good man. Hold each other tight now and comfort one another.  
John is suffering no more. He's in his everlasting home now.  
May God wrap His loving arms around you all and may you know the peace that passes all understanding in this sorrowful time.  
Love to you all now and forever more.  
Diane P. Collins



Diane Collins - March 26, 2020 at 10:23 AM

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**Family** - March 26, 2020 at 09:12 AM

SB

“ *I wish I could put together beautiful words like Kim can, but I cannot. I love all of you dearly. You are in my prayers. I feel especially bad for Mark, being the only son. I have many memories of my friend and her husband that go all the way back to grammar school. Together they made quite a team. They were and are both hilariously funny. I am a phone call away. Please call no matter the hour if you feel the need to talk, any of you.*

*Truman and Chuck send their love and prayers.*

*Sharon*

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**Sharon Bowman** - March 26, 2020 at 05:06 AM