



John Gustafson

December 12, 1932 - June 5, 2012

GUSTAFSON, JOHN ALVIN "DR. G"

Our beloved husband, father and Papa, John Alvin Gustafson born December 12, 1932 has gone on to be with the Lord as of June 5, 2012. John was born December 12, 1932 to Alfred Ruben Gustafson and Stella Evelyn (Spilseth) Gustafson in Kensington, MN. John graduated from Alexandria High School in 1950 where he received an athletic scholarship from St. Olaf College. He excelled in athletics and was a 'Little All American, End' and graduated in 1955. John earned his MA degree from the University of Northern Colorado and then his PhD from the University of Utah. John brought his family to New Mexico in 1972 to take a position as a Professor of Physical Education at the University of New Mexico, where he faithfully taught and served for over 30 years. John married June Anne Day in Big Springs, TX in 1956, while he was serving in the United States Air Force as a pilot. After his service was completed, John and June moved to Alexandria, MN where they began their much beloved family - John Allan Gustafson born 3/27/61, Jodi Day Gustafson born 3/18/63, and Jill Gustafson born 9/9/67. Jill married David Shingledecker in 1992, whom John considered a devoted son. John was blessed with two grandchildren - Hollie Shingledecker born September 26, 1997 and Joseph Shingledecker born April 17, 2000 both of whom he dearly loved and who greatly enriched his life. John considered one of his greatest achievements to be teaching them both to 'play ball'. John's life was marked by his deep love of God, his love and commitment to his family and helping

his fellow man through his constant display of the Great Commission. John was a man of God, a devoted husband and father, a teacher, mentor and coach, a servant of all men and a true friend. John will be greatly missed and his legacy will continue in the programs and lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Albuquerque Rescue Mission or the Calvary of Albuquerque Food Bank. A memorial service will be held Friday, June 8, at 12:00 pm, at The Hub at Calvary of Albuquerque, 4001 Osuna Rd NE. Please visit our online guestbook for John at RememberTheirStory.com

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dear dad you will be greatly missed. You're in a better place now. I'll always remember you singing the st Olaf fight song. You would always say cotton picker. See you soon dad. God bless.

Jodi - December 05, 2013 at 03:55 PM

TJ

“ Mr. Gustafson was my high school football and basketball coach in Alexandria. He was a great example for young men through FCA, teaching and coaching. I will always remember John and I thank God I our lives crossed.

Terry Johnson - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I taught Physical Education at Inez Elementary School when Jodi was a student there and Dr. G. assigned student teachers to me. He was also on my committee for my oral exams for my Masters degree in 1976 and I was so happy when he agreed to do that. My life was blessed by knowing such a fine Christian man. My condolences to your family.

Mark Siegrist - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ thinking of your family at this time, we'll never forget the NYSP program. It taught us so much being young kids. We thank John with all our hearts. Sincerely, The Archibeque Family

The Family of Dan Archibeque jr. "deceased" - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM