



## John Raymond Gauss

September 29, 1941 - September 1, 2017

John R. Gauss died Friday September 1, 2017 at North Collier Hospital, in Naples, Florida. He was born and lived in Michigan for 68 years. He attended Southeastern High School and Walsh Institute of Accountancy. He worked at a couple of CPA firms before landing a job in 1966 at FTD in Detroit. There he had a successful career as an accountant. His love, knowledge, and passion for finance earned him the position as FTD's Chief Financial Advisor. He retired in 1996 with 30+ yrs. of service.

After living in West Bloomfield Michigan for 34 years, John and wife Jean picked up stakes and moved to S.W. Florida's Bonita Springs in 2010. His last seven years were "Just another day in paradise" for John. He loved the warmth, the new friends, the pool, the beach and all the things his new life had to offer. John will be sorely missed by everyone that knew him. He is known for his infectious smile and caring personality. He is in God's hands now and suffers no more.

John is survived by his wife Jean and his children, John Jr., (pre-deceased in 2012), Susannah Wayland, Gregory (wife Aline), and Christopher (wife Deborah). He is also survived by six grandchildren and two step grandchildren. Victoria Barlow (husband Stephen), Justin Gauss, Michael Wayland, Bailey Gauss, Caroline Gauss, and Margaret Gauss. Step grandsons, Nicholas Bellinger and Mark Bellinger.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:30 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd. Bonita Springs, FL.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.



# Comments

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“ My husband Cliff Stephens and I lived in the same neighborhood as John and Jean and went out to dinner with them many times. They also came to our home for dinner. John was always so nice and thoughtful and would always have kind words to share. He is such a loss to his friends and family -- we will miss him. He is in heaven now and at peace. We will miss you my friend! Diane Stephens

**Diane Stephens** - October 04, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ John's family and friends will miss him. He is with God and no longer suffering. Be assured of my many prayers,at this most difficult time. We will not forget John. Love,Cecilia Wessinger

**Cecilia Wessinger** - September 30, 2017 at 10:07 PM

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“ I lived across the street from Jean and John for several years and couldn't have asked for better friends/neighbors. I will always be grateful for all the times John came to my rescue, the fun we had together and all the yummy meals he made and shared. John, with a smile on his face, truly cared about others. He was devoted to Jean, his family and his faith. For this, I admire him and will miss him dearly. Sending love and heartfelt condolences to Jean and their lovely family.

Patty Philpula

**Patty Philpula** - September 29, 2017 at 08:53 AM

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“ I worked with John at FTD from 1983 to 1995. I started right out of high school so it was always a joke when he would say that he started there in 1966 and I would say I was only 2 years old then. We bowled together for a couple years (Johnny's Angels) on the FTD league. We worked directly together with the Finance Committee and he let me be "professionally unprofessional"--I would draw pictures for the cover of the committee's meeting binder and greet them in letters in a foreign language (konichiwa, for example)! I was excited for him when he was retiring because I was "retiring" at the same time to stay home with my kids--neither of us would be replaced in the other's eyes. He was a kind, generous man whom I respected and enjoyed working with. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Frann (Hunter) and Brian Gustafson

**frann gustafson** - September 23, 2017 at 02:33 PM