



John E. "Bud" Gross

November 17, 1936 - September 27, 2019

Bud Gross, formerly of Wauwatosa and Mequon, Wisconsin, passed away on September 27th in Bonita Springs, FL.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Joan (nee Amato), his children Sue (Tim) Kelley and Scott (Laurie) Gross, stepchildren Diane (Tom) Taylor, Brian (Greg Robbins) Burden, Mary (Chris Bieber) O'Brien, and Elizabeth (Kent) Stemper. He is also survived by grandchildren Madeline, Joe and Sean Kelley; Jack, Curt and Carol Gross; and step grandchildren Chad (Emily) Taylor, Lindsey (Matt) Rulis, Corey O'Brien; Kyle, Eric and Andy Stemper. He is further survived by nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren as well. Bud is pre-deceased by his parents William and Mildred, brothers Bill and Jim, and first wife Carol (nee Tyler).

Bud grew up in Milwaukee near Washington Park. He graduated from Marquette University High School and Marquette University. He married Carol Tyler in 1960 and they raised their children in Wauwatosa where they were members of St. Bernard's Parish. Bud spent most of his career at Broan Mfg. in Hartford, WI as Vice-President for Human Resources. After the death of Carol, he married Joan Burden in 1985. They travelled extensively together internationally, and eventually moved to Bonita Springs, Florida where he could soak up rays more readily than in Wisconsin. Bud & Joan made many friends and enjoyed taking in concerts and musicals. He found great fulfillment

as a volunteer with several non-profit organizations in the area.

Bud was respected throughout his life as a hard worker, someone who valued a sense of humor, and as a generous friend to many; he was also known as a man of few words. Bud remained a fan of all Marquette and Wisconsin sports teams, proudly flying the appropriate team's flag after special games.

Especially in his younger years, he sure loved to play practical jokes and he sure loved to throw a big party.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Spring Run Charitable Foundation, 9501 Spring Run Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

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

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *John E. "Bud" Gross*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Joan, So very sorry to hear of Buds passing. Thinking of you at this very sad time. Hugs. Norma & John lowry*

Norma Lowry - October 01, 2019 at 05:14 AM



“ *Joan,
What a gentleman Bud was and always with a smile.
Know that he will be missed.
And how proud he was of you and his family.
I'm grateful to have known him.
Wish I was there for your service.
Love to you,
Debbie Samson*

Debbie Samson - September 30, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *I wish I could be there for you, but know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm very sad for you and your family. We'll be down Oct. 14 so will also miss the Memorial Service. You and Bud were so involved with The Spring Run Charitable Foundation which is the perfect Memorial for Bud. Take care. Diane Drevlow*

Diane Drevlow - September 30, 2019 at 06:03 PM

KB

“ Oh, Joan. I am so sorry and wish I were there to give you a hug and be a support at this difficult time. God bless Bud and may he rest in sweet peace. May you find solace in the wonderful marriage you shared and the beautiful life you and Bud lived.

I left for Massachusetts on Friday and unfortunately will not be back on the 5th to be with all of you at the Celebration of Life, but I am sure Jack will be there. I am so sad and will carry all the special memories of a life well lived.

Much love, Kelley and Jack

Kelley Butler - September 30, 2019 at 04:35 PM

DC

“ Joan and family, so very sorry about losing Bud. I didn't know him but I just know he will be missed by a lot of people. Will be praying you get through this tough time. Reach out to friends Joan. Take care, Diane Caffey

Diane Caffey - September 30, 2019 at 04:28 PM

JA

“ Joan, you and your family are in our thoughts & prayers. With deepest sympathy & friendship. Jan & Joe Walters

Jan - September 30, 2019 at 03:33 PM