



John H. Giesler

December 22, 1952 - April 13, 2018

• John H. Giesler, 65, of Mason City, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield at 3:35 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018. He was born December 22, 1952, in Shelbyville, IL, to Glen W. and Lela Caroline (Noffke) Giesler. He married Mardell Habing-Thomas on June 20, 1980, in Shelbyville.

Coach Giesler is survived by his wife, Mardell, of Mason City; four children: Shane (Tiara) Thomas of New Holland, IL, Chad (Jamie) Giesler of Jacksonville, IL, Lance (Laural) Giesler of Bath, IL, and Lindy Giesler of Mason City; ten grandchildren; brother, Donald “Bill” (Sue) Giesler of St. Charles, MO, and sister, Janet (Jim) Arthur of Stewardson, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, James Giesler and sister, Jean Ashbaugh. Coach was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Mason City. He was a former teacher and coach at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson, Stewardson-Strasburg High School, Roanoke-Benson High School and Illini Central High School in Mason City until his retirement in 2014. He later was an assistant basketball coach at Lincoln College in 2015 and 2016.

Throughout his career, John coached baseball, golf, softball and basketball. During his coaching career, John lead the 2012 Illini Central High School Cougars basketball team to a 3rd place 1A state finish and the 2013 Illini Central High School Cougars basketball team to 1A State Championship. He was also inducted, in 2018, a few days before his passing, into the IBCA Hall of Fame.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City on Saturday, April

21, 2018, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the Illini Central High School Gymnasium at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Burial will follow the services at Mason City Cemetery. Rev. John Johnson will officiate. A memorial reception will be held at Jackson-Keen Legion Post in Mason City following the graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Giesler Memorial Fund, which will be used for medical expenses, his daughter's college education fund, and The John Giesler Basketball Scholarship Fund. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

APR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Illini Central High School Gymnasium
208 N. West Ave
Mason City, IL 62664

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John H. Giesler

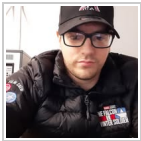


Hurley Funeral Home - April 19, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ John H. Giesler

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Rich LeVon lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler



Rich LeVon - October 27, 2018 at 07:33 PM

DK

“ To the Giesler family, it hurts to lose someone so near and dear to your hearts, especially like John. But hopefully you're taking comfort in knowing he's not suffering anymore, and hopefully there are a lot of smiles from all the great memories you have of John over the years. He was one of the most dedicated coaches I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with, but he taught us some great lessons after his coaching career ended -- especially these last few months. If we all carried John's attitude, the world would have a lot fewer troubles, that's for sure.

Dave Kane - April 21, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.



April 20, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.



April 20, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 20, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 20, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *And Trevor and Somer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John H. Giesler.*



And Trevor and Somer - April 19, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ I had the honor of getting to know John in the 80s as a young teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson, IL. He let me "help" coach the boys basketball team something that was new and difficult for me. Still, he was ever patient with me as I tried to learn what he did so well. It was amazing to watch how he inspired those kids to play their best and in an honorable and Christian manner. His knowledge of the game and ability to pass that on to his team was a joy to experience. God used John in incredible ways that will be cherished by many and not soon forgotten. He will be greatly missed but through faith in Christ we will see him again in heaven. I will keep his family in my prayers.
 In His grace,
 Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

Bruce Lesemann - April 18, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.



April 17, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ I had the honor to be John's and Illini Central IHSA Team Host for both years (2012 & 2013)-----John and I became Good Friends and saw each other at the State Tournament the following years-----I will always carry a Special Place in my Heart for John Giesler and want to extend my deepest sympathy to John's Family----Phil Haugens

Phil Haugens - April 16, 2018 at 09:24 PM

JT

“ *Jamie Teaney purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John H. Giesler.*



Jamie Teaney - April 16, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 16, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 16, 2018 at 11:15 AM

YS

“ *Your friends at Memorial Home Services purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John H. Giesler.*



Your friends at Memorial Home Services - April 16, 2018 at 10:19 AM

AF

“ Ashley Flairty lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler



Ashley Flairty - April 15, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ I owe this man a lot! He gave me a lot of my passion for history. He was an amazing teacher and coach. I'm praying for his family that they find some peace in his passing.



Lacey Austin - April 15, 2018 at 07:12 PM

SW

“ May our thoughts, prayers and love be with you



Sharon & Steve Weber - April 15, 2018 at 07:06 PM

MD

“ Mike And Dianne Doty lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler



Mike and Dianne Doty - April 15, 2018 at 06:45 PM

TF

“ Our hearts ache and we have no words to express how sorry we are. My husband was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January and we are truly blessed to have met Coach and visited with him during infusion treatment just a few weeks ago. He and my husband enjoyed talking basketball while watching the NCAA tournament and they also shared their love for the Cubs. It was comforting for me to observe the comfort in my husband's demeanor as he visited with Coach, knowing that Coach truly understood what he was experiencing. They had so much in common, in addition to both receiving compassionate care from Dr. Bretscher, Sharon, Lindsey, and Katie. We are so sad that we will not have the chance to know him better, but we are very grateful for our one meeting with him. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family. With caring thoughts and prayers,
Teena & Greg "Flako" Feldman
Lincoln

Teena & Greg "Flako" Feldman - April 15, 2018 at 04:17 PM

EW

“ Elaine Woodall lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler



elaine woodall - April 15, 2018 at 12:41 PM

EW

so many memories of great times at basket ball games, best phone call I ever made on a Tuesday. Elaine and Howard. Vanessa and Thor Woodall

elaine woodall - April 15, 2018 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ *Jill Kendall lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



jill kendall - April 15, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 15, 2018 at 08:34 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Hudgins lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



Lisa Hudgins - April 14, 2018 at 09:21 PM

MT

“ *Marcia Thomas lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



Marcia Thomas - April 14, 2018 at 07:19 PM

NS

“ *Norma Seward lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



norma seward - April 14, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of John H. Giesler.*



April 14, 2018 at 04:12 PM

LA

“ *Larry & Kim Allen lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



Larry & Kim Allen - April 14, 2018 at 04:01 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



Vickie Bagby - April 14, 2018 at 12:44 PM

KC

“ *Kelly & Curly Cleesen lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



Kelly & Curly Cleesen - April 13, 2018 at 11:53 PM

JM

“ *Jean Proctor Meikle lit a candle in memory of John H. Giesler*



jean proctor meikle - April 13, 2018 at 10:27 PM