

Johnny Griego

February 2, 1943 ~ June 13, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John “Johnny” Griego, a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a man who never met a stranger.

He was a friend to everyone he met and quickly became “Grandpa” to most - whether you were family or not.

Born on February 2, 1943, he was the son of the late Lucy Griego and Solomon Griego. He was also preceded in death by his sister Patsy Davis, his brothers Danny Griego and John Griego Jr., his daughter Becky Hewitt, and his beloved wife Barbara Griego, with whom he shared many years together. They enjoyed being with family and friends, a good shopping trip, and their favorite - bingo tournaments. He is survived by his sister, Ramona “Sister” Dehlin.

He is also survived by his children: Rick Griego, Tonya Nelson (Paul), Kim Westenskow (Scott), and Jonathon Griego (Melissa); and grandchildren: Jayme, Tyler, Savanna, Chantelle, Zach, Max, Hayden, Seth, Cayden, Britany, Ashley (deceased) Allie and Tosha. He loved all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren - every one held a special place in his heart. Among those relationships, he shared a close bond with his grandson Max, which was filled with mutual love, adventures, and understanding that brought him great joy and comfort in his later years.

John had a spirited and adventurous heart. In his younger days, he loved riding horses and exploring the outdoors. He loved to travel and was always up for an adventure - big or small. One of his recent adventures was going on a cruise to Alaska with Kim and her family, creating memories that will be treasured forever.

He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: attending car shows, gardening, playing bingo, and grabbing a lottery ticket. He always said he was “just one number away from hitting the lotto.” His humor, optimism, and ability to find joy in everyday moments will never be forgotten.

By his side through everything was his cherished dog, Trigger, who rarely left his side. Whether he was sitting on his lap or curled up nearby, Trigger was always close, offering comfort and companionship that meant the world to John.

A very special thank you goes to his daughter Kim, her husband Scott, his grandson Max, and his daughter-in-law Sarah, who all cared for John over the past five years with compassion and dedication. Their love and support gave him comfort and dignity through the end of his life.

We also want to thank Julie Gardiner for her kindness, care, and support. Your presence and help meant more than words can express.

John was one of the hardest-working men you could ever meet. He always had at least two jobs and usually a third side hustle, like laying carpet or doing handyman work to provide for his family. He never complained and he never

stopped.

At Dad’s request, there will be no formal public service. To honor his wishes, there will be a small, private farewell - just close family members and friends gathering to remember him, share stories, and say goodbye as he wanted.

Please feel free to remember him in your own way, especially if that means having a good meal or watching Walker, Texas Ranger or Perry Mason. Know that your thoughts mean the world to us.

Dad, we will miss you every day. Your strength, your sacrifice, your love, and your steady presence will stay with us always. We’ll keep you in our hearts everyday.