



# John Gromen

JAN 16, 2015



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## John Gromen

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John Gromen died Friday, January 16th, as a result of a hiking accident in South Cumberland State Park in Monteagle, TN. John was born and raised in Strongsville, OH where he enjoyed playing sports, especially baseball and soccer. His best pitches were off-speed junk. While excelling in organized baseball, his neighborhood pick-up game record was 1 win and approximately 2,000 losses. John's neighborhood was filled with wonderful childhood friends. John graduated from Strongsville High School in 2003 and spent a short time at Grove City College (it was what you'd call a "bad fit"). He graduated from University of Cincinnati in 2009. In every job John held, he was a responsible, hard worker. After working in Cincinnati a few years, he relocated to Nashville, TN in 2012. He was the territory sales representative for Bake Mark and won awards for his efforts covering the eastern part of TN. In his spare time, John was a dedicated volunteer for Farm One, Project C.U.R.E and other organizations through Hands On Nashville. He loved working at the farm. His other passions were continuing to play baseball and basketball. A few years ago he attended walk-on tryouts for the Cincinnati Reds, just for fun, and still threw an 87 mph pitch. John loved hiking and nature and tried to visit as many state parks and nature preserves in Tennessee as possible. He enjoyed coming home to visit family, and especially loved playing with his nieces and nephews and maintaining a close relationship with his siblings and childhood friends. John is survived by his loving parents, Don and Joanne Gromen; siblings Luke (Tracy), Kate Eich (Rob), and Paul (Casey); nephews and nieces Gavin, Connor, Brennan, Natalie, Noelle, Vivian, Elliott, Parker, Alyson and Jack; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, niece Alexa, and beloved pets Rusty and Jake (rabbits) and Brooklyn and Pouncer (dogs). VISITATION WEDNESDAY 3-8 pm at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME 15822 PEARL ROAD, STRONGSVILLE. Funeral Mass 10 am Thursday at St. John Neumann Church.



## Obituary




**John Gromen**

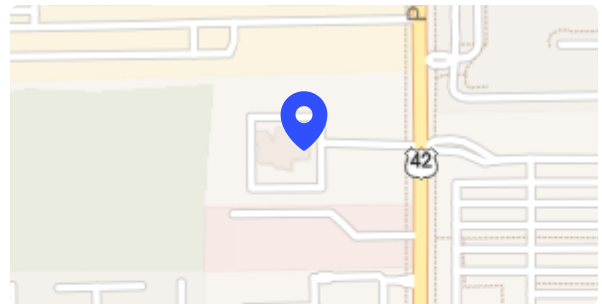
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PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Interment Strongsville Cemetery. NO FLOWERS PLEASE. Family suggests donations to South Cumberland State Park, 11745 Highway 41, Monteagle, TN 37356 attn. Jody Jones. [www.jardinefh.com](http://www.jardinefh.com)






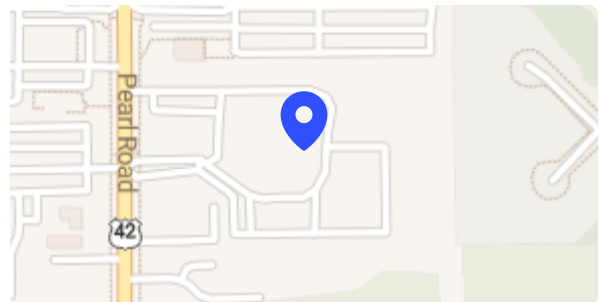
**Visitation**

 **Wednesday**, January 21, 2015  
 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET  
 **Jardine Funeral Home**  
15822 Pearl Rd, Strongsville OH 44136




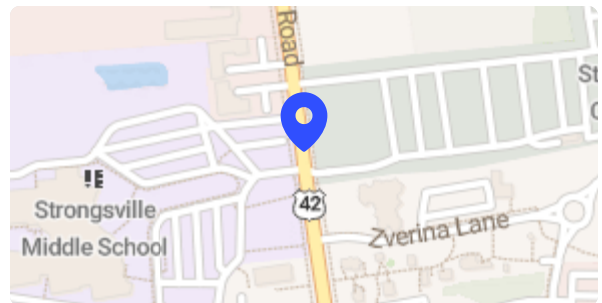
**Funeral Mass**

 **Thursday**, January 22, 2015  
 10:00 AM ET  
 **St. John Neumann**  
16271 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH



**Cemetery Details**

 **Strongsville Cemetery**  
13123 Pearl Road, Strongsville OH 44136





## Tribute Wall

**John Gromen**

TW

**Tom And Merrilee Whalen** lit a candle in honor of John.



January 22 at 3:50 AM

TH

**Tonja Hotrum** posted:

John was a true friend to my son Calvin who also moved to Nashville after college. Calvin spoke of him often, always with a smile on his face. Calvin said John loved dogs and he took care of Calvin's hound dog Sampson often when Calvin would come home to visit us in Alaska. I was looking forward to meeting John on my first visit to Nashville last October, but at the last minute his plans changed and he could not join us for dinner. I knew I would meet him on my next visit and I believe that someday I will have the chance to thank him for the unconditional friend he was to my son. It was comforting to know my son had John to depend on. To raise such kind a caring young man is a statement of a loving family. My prayers and tears are abundant for your family. I am so saddened by your loss. Tonja Hotrum

January 21 at 6:50 PM

SO

**Sue Ohlemacher** posted:

Dear Don and Joanne, My sympathy to you and your family members. I'm praying for you all. God bless your beloved and cherished son John. With Love, Sue Ohlemacher

January 21 at 6:20 PM

DF

**Danielle Fiser** posted:

So sorry for your loss. May the memories of John stay with you at this difficult time.

January 21 at 4:10 PM

TW

**Tom And Merrilee Whalen** posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. We met John as a young boy and it looks like he grew up to be a wonderful man. With love and heartfelt sympathy. Tom and Merrilee

January 21 at 11:28 AM



## Tribute Wall

John Gromen

DF

**Dave Gubics And Family** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 21 at 11:25 AM



SC

**Sue Chase** lit a candle in honor of John.

Thinking of you today Joanne & Don, and your family also. Just to let you know I am sending thoughts and prayers your way. I am so sorry we did not meet under better circumstances, and I just wanted to let you know how much you impressed me with your courage. I would have so much liked to have had a better meeting. Know that John is in a wonderful place today and that you will always know in your heart how great a person he was. Sue Chase, South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center. Staff

January 21 at 6:42 AM



BK

**Bryan Karaffa** posted:

John was one of my best friends and was an even better person. We spent almost everyday together when we both lived in Strongsville whether it was at baseball or just hanging out. My thoughts and prayers go out to his whole family. Loved you like a brother John. I will think about you and miss you everyday. RIP— Bryan Karaffa

January 20 at 7:37 PM

DM

**Debbie Urbach-Mallin** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 20 at 3:00 PM



MS

**Meg Schraepfer** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 20 at 11:56 AM





## Tribute Wall

John Gromen

HL

**Heather Lowry** posted:

Think of you at this difficult time.Steve, Heather, and Alexis Lowry

January 20 at 6:27 AM

MR

**Mike Ross** lit a candle in honor of John.

My deepest condolences to John's friends and family. Taken way too soon, may he rest in peace.

January 20 at 3:41 AM



RW

**Robin Wireman** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 19 at 1:23 PM



RW

**Robin Wireman** posted:

To the entire Gromen Family,I had the pleasure of working with John for that last few years. He was a wonderful young man and indeed, a very hard worker. He was well liked and respected by his coworkers and customers. He will be missed by all that knew and worked with him here at Bake Mark. He was ever kind and respectful to me and that speaks highly of the type of family you must be. May the loving presence of God and his healing and comforting goodness surround you. Take comfort and strength from one another. My daughter passed unexpectedly a few years ago and I truly understand. You have my deepest and heartfelt sympathies.Godspeed young John,Robin WiremanBakeMark USAAdmin Clerk II / CSR.

January 19 at 1:22 PM

JH

**Jayne & Nick Herman** posted:

So sorry for your loss - we cannot imagine what you are going through. Sending our hugs and prayers for God's comfort and peace.

January 19 at 1:12 PM



## Tribute Wall

John Gromen

LB

**Laurie Bortolotto** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 19 at 12:42 PM



LR

**Lori Renard** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to you and your familyLori Renard

January 19 at 12:10 PM

LR

**Lori Renard** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 19 at 12:08 PM



MI

**Mary Ann Ivancic** posted:

Don and Joanne,I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could find a way to help comfort you but I know that only time will heal your pain. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and ask God to help you through this difficult time. Love, Mary Ann Ivancic

January 19 at 10:56 AM

CC

**Cheryl Cupo** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 19 at 10:16 AM



DG

**Diane Goulis** lit a candle in honor of John.

January 19 at 8:35 AM





## Tribute Wall

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LS

**Lisa Schneider** posted:

Dear Don and Joanne, Our deepest sympathies on the passing of John. We never met John but he sounds like a truly wonderful person. Our heartfelt prayers to you and your family. Ken and Lisa Schneider (Kathy Becks brother and wife)

January 19 at 5:16 AM

JH

**Jayne & Nick Herman** lit a candle in honor of John.



January 19 at 3:58 AM

MG

**Mike And Cindy Golitko** lit a candle in honor of John.



January 18 at 4:11 PM

BP

**Becky Prekler** posted:

I will never forget playing Nintendo in your basement and football in the front yard. We went separate ways as we all got older, but I will forever treasure the time we did have with you. I love you, Johnny. You will be greatly missed.

January 18 at 3:53 PM

FR

**Fred** February 6 at 6:41 AM

To his loving family, I am so saddened to hear the news of John's unfortunate accident. I will always remember him. He was so kind and friendly to me. I will miss him, but will always remember what a good guy he was? I will keep him in my prayers. Fred East Strongsville's #1 Fan



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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