



## John Gronewold

September 30, 1940 - October 24, 2022

John Gronewold, 82, of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away suddenly, in the arms of his wife, Monday, October 24, 2022, at his home, having been in declining health for the past year.

John Gary Gronewold, son of Dick and Katie (DeVries) Gronewold, was born on September 30, 1940, in Davis, SD. He attended school in Davis and Lennox.

John's first job was at the Minnehaha Country Club in Sioux Falls. He held that job for 34 years, becoming the assistant superintendent for the grounds crew. With his previous farming experience on the family farm, John was very skilled at operating the tractors, mowers and other equipment on the sloped grassy areas of the golf course. John planted hundreds of trees at the Minnehaha Country Club.

John's best buddy for many years, was his beloved Dalmatian dog named BIG. They were inseparable, as John ran errands and BIG was the guard dog of John's pickup. In John's younger years he was know as Big John. He had a dry sense of humor, and was good at zapping zingers to unsuspecting family and friends. John loved to get on YouTube and listen to his favorite country and gospel music. While listening to his favorite old time gospel singers, you could often see tears running down his cheeks.

On June 14, 1996, he was united in marriage to Jill Bloomberg in Sioux Falls. The couple bought a motor home and toured the country for several years and made their home in Sioux Falls.

Besides his parents, John was also preceded in death by siblings: Dick Jr, Lester and Margene.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 26 years, Jill; nephew, Craig Gronewold, Lennox and Craig's sons, Craig, Cory, Allen and Scott; step-children: Christina (Kevin) Martin, Curtis, NE, Brian (Dorothy) Erfman, San Antonio, TX and Melissa Tenzel Erfman, Cape Coral, FL; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 29 at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox, SD, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Davis Bethel Cemetery, Davis, SD.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ohh Auntie Jill, I am so saddened to just find out about the passing of John. Thoughts and prayers be with you always. Love you!



**Bailey Drotts** - December 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ The Dykstra family sends their condolences to John's family and friends

**Judith Dykstra** - October 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jill, I am so sorry for your loss. John was one of the first people at the apt that talked to me. He had overheard me mention Lennox so we talked about that. From then on he teased me that. I was looking for trouble and from he called me trouble! I have enjoyed talking to you Jill. We will all be there for you. Come visit when you don't want to be alone. I am so sorry for not being at the funeral but I am not feeling well. Mary Jacobson

**Mary Jacobson Apt 106** - October 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Thoughts and prayers to Jill and family during this difficult time.



**VIRGINIA WILLIAMS** - October 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jill, I’m so sorry for your loss. John was a great man that loved life and loved to play a joke here and there. He will be greatly missed. May God hold you close to comfort you during this difficult time.*

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**Lois Malone** - October 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I always enjoyed our M W F afternoon coffee time with John at Red Oak Apartments. My sincere sympathy and prayers to Jill. May John be at peaceful rest in the arms of God and in the company of the angels and saints.*



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**Frank McNeil** - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM