



John Spencer Lucas

June 17, 1960 - December 5, 2013

A wonderful loving husband, father, brother, uncle and nephew left us this week. John was unique, free spirited, and, being a drummer, he naturally walked to the beat of his own drum. He loved music and could give a history lesson on any song. John loved the Rolling Stones and played in a band.

John was the son of late Erdman and Marie Lucas and he grew up in Church Hill, MD, where his aunts, uncles, and cousins played a large part in his life, the typical small town America lifestyle where everyone in town helped raise your children. He was one of those kids. Many of his childhood friends are still friends today, and enjoyed their times together. John was a professional printer and spent most of his career working for Whitmore Print & Imaging Co. where co workers became his second family. He finished his career at Corporate Press.

John was a Kansas City Chiefs fan and enjoyed playing softball, baseball, football, bowling and golf. He was a natural baseball player and enjoyed coaching his son in sports. John was on a mission to visit every major league baseball park and football stadium and had covered many until his death.

John adored his children and talked, text, sang to and laughed with them daily. He leaves behind his wife and best friend Nora; his son & his "Bud," Brian; his daughter; and, his partner in crime Tara; his grandson, Zach; his

brother and comrade, Steve; and, last but not least, his defender and sister, Sara. There is much more to all this love, and they include his brother-in-laws Mike, Dan and Donnie; sister-in-laws Sandy and Lena; nieces, Ginni, Kim, April, Amy and Tina; nephews Mike, Justin, and Bill; his wonderful aunts, Francis Lucas and Virginia Mae Lane; his great-nieces; great-nephews; cousins; a special “daughter,” Shelly Starkey; and godson, Will Morris.

A Celebration of John’s life will be held at 7pm on Friday December 13, 2013, in the Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh, near Church Hill, MD. Friends and family may call at the center after 5pm. The family requests that you wear your favorite sports attire for this special evening.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution in his memory to the John S. Lucas Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund, 215 Concord Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

celebration of life

DEC **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh
Church Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John Spencer Lucas*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Spencer Lucas*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Spencer Lucas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Robbie And Robin Joiner lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Robbie and Robin Joiner - December 16, 2013 at 06:38 AM

SP

“ *Nora, Brian and Tara,*

What a wonderful celebration of life it was last night. The sheer number of all his family and friends that attended was true testament to what Luke meant to all of us. He touched our hearts, put a smile on our face and became a life-long friend.

As I headed out last night to the service, listening to the Stones, I noticed a bright solitary star in the night sky. I'm sure it was Luke... grabbing a front row seat...in the balcony...watching. I think we gave him one hellava encore.

Too soon gone...but never forgotten!

*Rock on,
Stephen Patrick*

Stephen Patrick - December 14, 2013 at 08:42 AM

DV

“ *Nora and Family, So sorry to hear that Johnny has passed away; my heart is broken...Please know you have been in my thoughts and prayers everyday..and I regret not living close enough to attend his services....I truly loved Johnny and will cherish our childhood/school memories. Please take good care of yourself.
Love, Dawn Rhodes Ventress*

Dawn Rhodes Ventress - December 13, 2013 at 07:26 PM

GA

“ *Gail Appenzeller lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Gail Appenzeller - December 13, 2013 at 07:03 PM

DB

“ *Nora, Brian, Tara and family, we were so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing and want you all to know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. He was always such a happy person and we know that you will all have wonderful memories to help you through this difficult time. With our sincere sympathy, Debbie & Henry Bitter*



Debbie Bitter - December 13, 2013 at 04:39 PM

BC

“ *I had the good fortune to meet John at Whitmore, and play fantasy football with him in our league for many years. John was a grade A trash talker in fantasy football and we always enjoyed the banter. I was lucky to have lunch with John a few weeks ago and while he was pretty dinged up we still managed to get a few good laughs and talk about old times. I'll miss him.... and my sincere condolences to his loving family.*

Bill Contarino - December 13, 2013 at 02:02 PM

JH

“ We say good bye to a great spirit. Our thoughts and memories of Luke will carry us on.

My deepest condolences to the family.

Jim Hogan - December 13, 2013 at 09:57 AM

ME

“ Mr. John you will always live in our hearts. I send my condolences to your family. We had a great time over the summer. It's crazy how things seem like yesterday and now your in heaven. I know you'll always be with us in spirit:) <3 ya white snake!

Melanie - December 13, 2013 at 04:10 AM

PE

“ Nora and family- We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was always a fun loving guy and how he "loved" those cheer events with the girls. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Special hugs to Tara from The Edwards (Fred, Pam, and Meredith)

Pam Edwards - December 12, 2013 at 09:42 PM

DS

“ Nora, Brian and Tara,
I am so sorry for your loss. Since hearing of John's passing, my mind goes back to so many fond memories of he and his family and the "Good Old Days" in Church Hill. We could fill a book with stories and misadventures. Let it suffice to say that he was a great man, a good friend and a joy to have in our lives. Those memories will last our lifetimes and beyond. God Bless you all at this time.

Debbie Scott - December 12, 2013 at 12:14 PM

TS

“ *Nora and family---we are so very sorry for your loss of Johnny..he was a good guy. He always had a smile on his face and cracking a joke, he made all that were around him smile also. We can't explain why our loved ones are taken too soon, please know that we are praying for your family during this very hard time in your life. Billy and Terri Schelhouse*

Terri Schelhouse - December 12, 2013 at 12:09 PM

DW

“ *Nora,*

Thinking of you and your family and keeping all of you in my prayers.

DeShawn



DeShawn Wilson - December 12, 2013 at 11:52 AM

CS

“ *Christie Sink lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Christie Sink - December 12, 2013 at 11:30 AM

CS

Nora,

*So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.
Christie*

Christie Sink - December 12, 2013 at 11:31 AM

BD

“ *Butch And Bev Dadds lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Butch and Bev Dadds - December 12, 2013 at 11:18 AM

RK

“ *Nora, Tara, & Brian---words cannot express the sadness that both Billy & I feel about Johnny's passing. We can't even begin to imagine how devastating this is for all of you.....John had an incredible spirit about him and made so many people laugh, just by being himself. We know that he will be deeply missed by many for a very long time. Thinking of you in love and prayers.....Rhonda & Billy*

Rhonda Knotts - December 12, 2013 at 10:13 AM

LL

“ *Nora, Tara, and Brian I am so sorry for your loss. I know John Loved all of you very much. All of you and I will miss him as well every one will. Over the past 25 years we probably spent more time together at Whitmore then we did with our own families.John was a true and dear friend and was like a brother. You're all in my thoughts.*



Larry Liebsch - December 12, 2013 at 06:31 AM

ED

“ *Nora and family - I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the fun time in school with you and Johnny; then the Acme parties and the Def Leppard concert. Johnny was always laughing and having fun; he was great. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this very tough time.*



Elizabeth Jo Downey-Manning - December 12, 2013 at 05:40 AM



“ *Nora, Brian, Tara & Zach -- We were so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Johnny. You all were our first neighbors in Church Hill and we have many fond memories of Johnny. Both Rebekah and Meghan are huge Redskins fans but when the Kansas City Chiefs beat them this past Sunday, Rebekah said "That win was for Mr. Johnny ...I know he must be smiling." Our hearts, thoughts, prayers and love are with you as you all move through this difficult time.*

Sue, Craig, Rebekah & Meghan Moore

Sue Moore - December 11, 2013 at 11:38 PM



“ *Nora - so sad to hear of your loss. Sending prayers for you and your family.*

Liz Clements - December 11, 2013 at 10:30 PM

KE

“ *Katy Elburn lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Katy Elburn - December 11, 2013 at 09:24 PM

KE

Uncle Jonny will be missed by many. I have many fond memories of him that will be with me forever.

Katy Elburn - December 11, 2013 at 09:31 PM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Peggy States Edwards - December 11, 2013 at 09:12 PM

PE

Nora and Family - My sincere sympathy to all of you. I did not have the pleasure of knowing John, but Nora I know you and from reading the comments, you two were so much alike. I can see he was loved by many and yes way to young to leave this world. God must have a special plan for John. I too am lost for comforting words but the expressions of love on this page is over whelming. The memories in your hearts will last forever and I know there are many. I pray that God will comfort all of you during this very difficult time. Continued prayers and thoughts for you and your family. God Bless. Peggy States Edwards

Peggy States Edwards - December 11, 2013 at 09:19 PM

TW

“ *Teri Wood lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Teri Wood - December 11, 2013 at 08:12 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



ginger wheat - December 11, 2013 at 07:47 PM

GW

so sorry for ur lost nora prayers are with u and the family

ginger wheat - December 11, 2013 at 07:49 PM

LB

“ *At Christmas time I always enjoyed going to church hill Lucas house to see family. You could count on smiles, laughter, hugs, watching the guys play football, jokes and being picked on. Johnny will be awfully missed. Luanne and I have great memories. Laura Bostic*

Laura Bostic - December 11, 2013 at 06:53 PM

TM

“ *Nora, Tara and Brian*
I'm so sorry you are having to go thru this. I have known John since he was the best man in Brenda's wedding, then when we all use to hang out... had the pleasure of you two taking me to my first rock concert! Then when Nora watched my boys, although I think they enjoyed playing with John more. He was always smiling, laughing and had such a good heart, my prayers are with all of you. May your memories comfort you.

Tracy Morris - December 11, 2013 at 06:41 PM

BL

“ *Beth (Fuchs) Lacey lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - December 11, 2013 at 05:54 PM



“ *Nora and family so sorry to hear that Johnny passed away. My heart aches for you. You will be in my prayers. I am just shocked as I can not even begin to imagine what your family feels. Its bringing back a lot of childhood memories and missing those times of all us in Church Hill that grew up together a lot of memories and a lot of fun.*

Cat Miglionico - December 11, 2013 at 05:51 PM

MW

“ *Sorry to hear John passed away. Had many fond memories of when we worked at Tidewater Publishing together.*

Mark W - December 11, 2013 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simple words can not express my deepest sympathies to the family. Church Hill was a magical place and we were one big family. I have moved away, but my heart will forever remain in Church Hill. God bless each of you and may you find comfort in the memories and the friends and family who help keep him alive forever in our hearts. With my deepest sympathies,
Nancy Hall Coleman*

Nancy Coleman - December 11, 2013 at 04:55 PM

DD

“ *Nora, Tara, Brian, Steve and Sara....my deepest condolences to you and extended family during this difficult time. My fondest memories are seeing John and Nora at the softball field (where else?) - you two were babies in my mind. I kept up on your life through Steve who has delivered for me these past few years. May GOD deliver you comfort and please let me know if there is anything at all I can do.*

Dale Drinks - December 11, 2013 at 04:47 PM

RH

“ *Robin Hawthorne sent a virtual gift in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Robin Hawthorne - December 11, 2013 at 04:42 PM

MU

“ Dear Ms. Lucas. I worked a one year with John together. I don't know what I write you, but I wont just let know you that some people from his work was very shocked and sad about that terrible information. When the company lay me off because I broke me 4 times 3 ribs last year, but John hold contact with me like a friend and co worker and told me some thing about whats going on in the company or just we wished each other for our family happy holidays.

On the 5th when I got the message I put my own words on my f.b side. I will here now say to you and your family that we feel and pray for your family and John.

P.S. I come from Berlin, Germany and my English is not perfect. Sorry when I wrote some thing wrong. John would laughing about this. We laughed a lot. I will miss him, too.

Sincerely

Martina Uhas

Martina Uhas - December 11, 2013 at 03:27 PM

KC

“ Nora, Tara and Brian....I can't begin to tell you how much I am saddened by the loss of John. I remember the year so vividly when Johnny and Nora met....we were kids hanging out in Church Hill, we would all go to the movies together and then Mr. Cannon would come pick us up...we would always be a few minutes late but it is those memories that God has given us to be thankful for and this I am. I am blessed to have known each and every one of you...I am here always for each of you.

Love, Kathy Coursey

Kathy Coursey - December 11, 2013 at 03:27 PM

HH

“ *Harriette & Norris Hall lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Harriette & Norris Hall - December 11, 2013 at 03:00 PM

HA

Norris and I are so shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Johnny's death, which came much too soon for someone so active and young as he. Our "girls" had the blessing of growing up in Church Hill, also. Those were good times in a safe place. Please accept our most sincere sympathy at this time of grief. Nora, lean on God and on your many friends.
Fondly,
Harriette Hall

Harriette - December 11, 2013 at 03:05 PM

SF

“ *Sarena G. Freeman lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Sarena G. Freeman - December 11, 2013 at 01:44 PM

JM

“ *Jacki (Thuman) McArdle lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Jacki (Thuman) McArdle - December 11, 2013 at 12:06 PM

LJ

“ *Nora, Brian, Tara, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Johnny was a great friend and I know that he loved you with all of his heart. I will miss his contagious smile and warm presence. He was just a really nice guy with a genuine soul. Hold onto each other during this very difficult time and know that my family and I are here for you and praying for you all...* ”

Laura Johnson - December 11, 2013 at 11:55 AM

BJ

“ *Brandy & Delaney Jewell lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas* ”



Brandy & Delaney Jewell - December 11, 2013 at 11:37 AM

JY

“ *June Yeager lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas* ”



June Yeager - December 11, 2013 at 11:14 AM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas* ”



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - December 11, 2013 at 10:49 AM

TT

“ *Nora, My prayers are with you and your family.*

Toni Talbert



Toni Talbert - December 11, 2013 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ *Nora, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Dominique Smith-Hicks - December 11, 2013 at 09:28 AM

BS

“ *Bill Spencer lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Bill Spencer - December 11, 2013 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ *Megan Morris lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Megan Morris - December 11, 2013 at 09:09 AM

MH

“ *Nora,*

I'm so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my heart, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. May your memories bring you peace and comfort.

*Love,
Melissa Hinkle*

Melissa Hinkle - December 11, 2013 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ *My deepest sympathies and prayers are being sent to John and his family. He was a joy to work with and he will be missed here at Corporate Press, Inc. Rest In Peace.*

Susan Holt - December 11, 2013 at 08:21 AM

VM

“ Vailary Mayo (Whitmore Receptionist)

John Lucas.... Many thoughts, many feelings I have. Sorry the selfish side of me wants you still here to make me laugh my head off, still here for me to tell you you're funny enough to be on tv, still here to watch you mimic people - especially your co-workers, oh how good you were at doing that - how hilarious! oh how I love to laugh & you did a darn good job of making me do just that. While I was making others laugh you were making me laugh. The selfish me wants that back so badly.

The unselfish me thank God for sharing such a loving human being with us. I will miss him GREATLY! I will miss, but will always remember him speaking VERY highly of his family. In every way I can remember HE WAS A GREAT MAN!

*May God bless you - Nora, Brian and Tara
My prayers are with you.*

Vailary Mayo - December 10, 2013 at 09:40 PM

JM

“ *Nora my thoughts and prayers are with you and you family. So sorry for your loss.*

Jennifer MacGlashan - December 10, 2013 at 07:24 PM

PM

“ *Nora, Brian, Tara,
We are heartbroken over the loss of John. Know that he loved each of you so very much. The three of you are in our thoughts and prayers and always know that we are here for you guys always.
The Meiklejohn Family*

Phil Meiklejohn - December 10, 2013 at 07:21 PM

DJ

“ *Nora, Tara, and Brian,*

Our deepest sympathy in your loss of your beloved John. Rodney and I had were fortunate to work with John for so many years at Whitmore. He spoke often and freely about how much he loved each one of you. You filled his heart with love and pride! John was someone whom you could count on whether it was family, friend or coworker. He always made things happen when no one else could.

May you always be comforted with the wonderful memories that each of you shared with John and know that you completed his life!

Rodney and Denise Jaroszek



Denise Jaroszek - December 10, 2013 at 07:09 PM

PM

“ *John Lucas -- my pal, my buddy, my best friend. "From what you were to what you became, I am so proud of you". I will miss you everyday and will forever keep all of the songs that we sang, messages we sent, the crazy times we spent together at work, places we would meet before and after work and act up in my memory and in my heart forever. You were taken away from your family and friends way to soon and will be missed beyond words.*

*Love you my friend,
Phil Meiklejohn*

Phil Meiklejohn - December 10, 2013 at 07:03 PM

HA

“ *Hilda, Jackie, April lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Hilda, Jackie, April - December 10, 2013 at 05:56 PM

HP

“ *Hilda, Jackie, April & Michael Plummer lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas*



Hilda, Jackie, April & Michael Plummer - December 10, 2013 at 05:55 PM

LB

“ *Dear Nora,
I worked with John for 17 years at Whitmore. All I can say is that I really loved him. As a sales person (not always his favorite group), he always had my back. He was extremely loyal, worked harder than anyone and a genius at making what needed to happen happen. He often talked about how much he loved his family. John was just so much fun acting out his version of Mic Jagger! He will be truely missed.
May God bless and keep you all under his wings as you walk this trajic road. You all will be in my prayers as he often was. Let us all celebrate what a great gift he was to so many.
Liz Bazzell*

Liz Bazzell - December 10, 2013 at 03:31 PM

KL

“ Kara Leddy lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas



Kara Leddy - December 10, 2013 at 03:25 PM

KL

“ Luke - I will miss you more than words can say - I am so fortunate to have been able to call you "friend" for so many years and am so thankful to have all the wonderful memories of good times we shared together. Whitmore would never have been the same without you there. Rest easy brother. I know the Chief's won just for you Sunday!
Kara Leddy

Kara Leddy - December 10, 2013 at 03:24 PM

SS

“ Luke-I am thankful I had a chance to catch up w you a couple weeks ago-You left us way to soon though-It was an honor to have worked with you for so many years,we could always count on you.Peace be with you-Steve Shenk

steve shenk - December 10, 2013 at 01:49 PM

 Shirley Clapp

“ So sorry to hear about this. He was a great man! I worked with him for a short time at Whitmore and he was the best person there. He gave me a hard time but it was all in fun and he was a really cool guy. I know he loved his Chiefs and his children.

Shirley

Shirley Clapp - December 10, 2013 at 01:36 PM

GP

“ To the Lucas Family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you during your loss. We never know what is facing us each day, but God will surely be by your side. John enjoyed life and his family and will be missed by many, but his legacy will surely live on. Blessings to each one of you and may you find strength, love and peace with God's help.
God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - December 10, 2013 at 01:18 PM

PB

“ Luke:
Too soon, man. Wish we were back in the lunchroom listening to Phil read the newsletter aloud. Happy travels, and may the Chiefs be the eternal SuperBowl champs, with the Stones playing haltime, where you're headed. Nora, Tara, and Brian, he was one of a kind, and one of the best guys I knew. My sincere and deep sympathy at your loss, and the same from Janie (Miss Essie).
Pete Brown

Pete Brown - December 10, 2013 at 01:16 PM

NA

“ Always remember John playing in our fantasy football league and all the stuff he used to say and do at those get parties. He was the life of the party. He will be missed. RIP dear friend.
Nick



Nick Albia - December 10, 2013 at 01:13 PM

SH

“ Shelly lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas



Shelly - December 10, 2013 at 11:28 AM

TA

“ Tara lit a candle in memory of John Spencer Lucas



Tara - December 10, 2013 at 10:59 AM

TA

love you daddy!

Tara - December 10, 2013 at 10:59 AM

LP

Tara: Yes, you will always love your daddy and will never forget him. He truly loved you too and will be watching over you day and night. He is gone from us, but will never be forgotten. There will always be love in your heart for him and remember how much he loved all of you. Blessings, Ms. Lynda and Mr. Gene Palmatary, Centreville.

Lynda Palmatary - December 11, 2013 at 07:00 AM

SC

Tara , iam so sorry to hear of your dad's passing our thoughts and prayers are with you all , please take good care of your mom give her a big hug from us love Joey Sara Clough &

sara clough - December 12, 2013 at 06:21 AM