



John Derek Vint

August 13, 1954 - June 5, 2017

John Derek Prescott Vint passed away on June 5th, at 3:13 a.m. in his home. Derek was born on August 13, 1954 in Long Island New York. He always considered the 13th lucky. He was the son of the late John Prescott Vint and Catherine E (Donna) Vint.

Derek moved to Bloomington from New York while in grade school. He lived where the Optometry Building is today, until they had to move for the construction. He worked at Indiana University for 40 years, in the Classical Studies department. He graduated from Indiana University with a Master's Degree.

He is survived by his wife Kim, two brothers Peter (Rita) and their children, Peter, Colin and Mei-Li; Roger (Teri) and their children Joseph and Lisa. And a host of great nephews and nieces as well as his mother and father in law Harold and Jerry Sue Sherman, all their children and children's children, who he dearly cherished also survive.

Derek passed from this world with out having the opportunity to dance with his wife to the new polka four CD set he did purchase for himself last Christmas. His wife blames the CUBS for his passing. He was 62 years young.

He passed away in the home we bought after decades of work toiling into the sunset. Swimming in Bryan Park Pool, sledding down the hills, biking around Campus on Sundays, playing "horse" on the church lot, and laughing till it hurt.

Taught his wife cats are not dogs and do not rub them the wrong way.

Traveling with Tim was always more enjoyable counting road kill.

He would call his mother in law and sing "Crazy" by Pasty Cline..... He was a great tipper particularly when his father in law was dinning.

Had an on going battle with brother Roger who had the bluest eyes..Roger you win by default.

Still talks about the evening when his wife defeated brother Peter in an arm wrestling contest, Derek felt like he could not brag because his wife's ring was crushed.

He thanks his partner in crime and best man Jeffrey who always got Derek in trouble. They coined a phrase that confused wife Kim for many years.

He gets to join his pal Gary (whose birthday they shared). Gary allowed Rita to catch a chicken for a Hog Heaven roast.

He had assistance to write to Marios' mother in Greece, explaining the odd habit of baby pictures in the HT to "charm" someone. He learned how to golf with Ian by hitting street lights.

His affection with old cars made his wife happy. They lived in the city so the collection of junk was not an option. He collected friends instead.

Charity and kindness were gifts from his mother, might as well add humor and intelligence as they go hand in hand . The sound of his laughter when talking to his mother still resonants in my ear.

Loved Cadillacs, country music, and Will Shortz puzzles. Would go around the house singing "If you want to be happy for the rest of your life never make a

pretty woman your wife". Again, leaving his wife confused.

Will miss his comfort, bravery and the joy of each day. The fresh orange juice and coffee he made each morning, calling me in the afternoon, and making sure the outside lights were on when it got dark to greet me on my way home.

The smalls in life are what make it all bearable and preciously unforgettable.
Joy to you my brave love.

Oh Lord grant me vision, Oh Lord grant me speed (Gram Parsons) . In the words of his favorite comedian...."And away we go..."

A celebration of his life will be held at Beck Chapel on June 24th from 1:30 to 2:00 for close family and friends who wish to share a remembrance, then from 2:00 to 4:00 the family will receive guests at the University Club in the Indiana Memorial Union Building.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 S Old State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana is handling his arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com . Memorial contributions can be made to the Monroe County Animal Shelter 3410 S Walnut St. Bloomington, IN 47401. Stella his cat would like that.

Tribute Wall

KI

“ Happy Memorial Day my sweet Love. I am so honored to have had you in my life for close to forty years. I could not imagine a better life. Your strength of character and love for life makes me cherish and remember our life well lived. We made it through each day with the thought of coming home to each other and nothing else really mattered. We were strong together. I miss you so.

Kim - May 28, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ Sorry to learn of Derek's passing. I have fond memories of him from my time as a student in the IU Classics Department 1986-88.
Clifford Marcus

Clifford Marcus - November 26, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KI

“ It was great love and you were there, now what do I do? As I always asked you what am I going to do without you love...you would always reply.....have a life.,

Well I had one now what, love. you are my life. K

Kimbo - June 25, 2017 at 09:03 PM

KI

“ It was a lovely party. And I did not forget to bring you home love. IT was so good to see your brothers. Peter told lovely stories, the music as you know was awesome. I wish I could see you again, and just roll over and touch your side in my sleep. being alone is horrid. Now I get to know what I do not want. Love you K

Kim - June 24, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of John Derek Vint.*



June 24, 2017 at 04:32 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John Derek Vint.*



June 22, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ *I keep losing my luggage Derek why? You seemed to know why... you only got upset at the third time, XO k*

Kim - June 21, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kim L Vint purchased the Pink & White Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of John Derek Vint.*



Kim L Vint - June 20, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of John Derek Vint.*



June 19, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ *Derek- May your light shine forever more in the most beautiful places!*



Karen Butcher - June 17, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ *Kim, We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved husband, We heard how you cared for him the last years of his life, what a tribute of true loving devotion & a great example to all who knew you both. We pray God will see you through this sad time. Our prayers are with you & the family. love to you all, Jim & Kathy Gilliland*

gilliland - June 16, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Kim and Family - I am so sorry to hear of John's passing --- Our thoughts and prayers with you - Love Steve and Kathy(Gilliland) Seevers*

kathy seevers - June 15, 2017 at 12:48 PM

KS

“ *I hope to arrive in my death
late
In love
And a little drunk*

Derek you got 2 out of 3 correct



kelly sherman - June 14, 2017 at 11:01 PM

MC

“ *Derek will be greatly missed by the faculty and students in Classical Studies. For over 40 years he provided us with help and support with his characteristic warmth and good humor. When our alumni look back on their years at IU, they remember Derek fondly as someone who always made them feel welcome and who worked hard to help them with any problems they faced. Derek rose above the physical challenges he experienced to make a real difference in and out of the workplace. A fine and courageous person.*

-- Matt Christ (Chair, Department of Classical Studies, IUB)

Matt Christ - June 13, 2017 at 07:24 PM

JR

“ *I didnt know Derek I know Harold and JerrySue "his inlaws" I heard great things from them over the years and they loved him dearly. This obituary is the best I have ever seen I feel now like" I "know him well --what a beautiful tribute to this beautiful man thoughts and Prayers to the family and friends*

Judi Ray - June 12, 2017 at 09:42 AM

CH

“ *Kim, Your husband was one of the bright spots in BH. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

--Chris Paputsas

Chris - June 11, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ *I will always remember the ugly socks.*
Mom Sherman

jerry Sherman - June 11, 2017 at 09:08 AM

JG

“ *Joe Grant lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Joe Grant - June 11, 2017 at 06:15 AM

KV

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kim Vint - June 10, 2017 at 11:28 AM

SF

“ Oh, Kim, Tom and I are so sorry to hear this news. We always enjoyed (tolerated) Derek's incredible sense of humor and fun. He was one of a kind in the best possible way. Remember playing euchre and listening to music when you lived on Indiana Ave.? He sang about " that's the way the girls are in Texas" just to rile you up! I can't imagine how much you will miss him but my thoughts are with you, my friend.

Susan Fallwell - June 09, 2017 at 04:36 PM

JR

“ Julie Riggs lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint



Julie Riggs - June 09, 2017 at 05:25 AM

MC

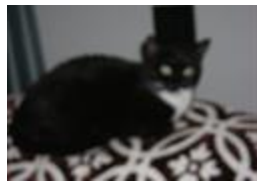
“ Mark Colglazier lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint



Mark Colglazier - June 08, 2017 at 11:21 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Stella - June 08, 2017 at 09:03 PM

TF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



The Deer eating your flowers - June 08, 2017 at 09:00 PM

MW

“ Margie Walls sent a virtual gift in memory of John Derek Vint



Margie Walls - June 08, 2017 at 08:02 PM

MW

Kim, He will be missed by so many, hold onto those memories in your heart. He is finally free from all the illness and it's about time. What a great guy you married, he will always be with you. See you soon; love you, Margie

Margie Walls - June 08, 2017 at 08:25 PM

PM

“ *I am so sorry to read about Derek's death. I was a Classics Student 1988-1995 and Derek was always kind and helpful and efficient, and always had a ready smile and laugh for everyone. His sense of humor was rather impish, but he could discuss serious matters, too. He kept us all afloat and in hand, and was simply an invaluable member of the department. Priscilla Manwaring*

Priscilla Manwaring - June 08, 2017 at 05:22 PM

RR

“ Roger,
So sorry about the passing of your younger brother. Will be thinking of you & Peter. I'm back in NM but perhaps will see you again at our 50th HS reunion next year.
Becky (Bault) Rangel

Rebecca Rangel - June 08, 2017 at 01:50 PM

RV

thank you Becky. I plan on being at the reunion so will say hi then.
Roger

Roger Vint - June 18, 2017 at 09:39 PM

JC

“ Kim,
My thoughts and prayers have been with you and Derek during this difficult time and will continue.
I remember my visit with Derek in the hospital when he and I were complaining about the cable company.

I love you Kim....take care,
Janet



Janet Chaffin - June 08, 2017 at 01:38 PM

Fran
Huber

“ Kim, I'm so sorry to hear this. Condolences from Fran Huber and Mike Katchmer.

Fran Huber - June 08, 2017 at 11:35 AM

MR

“ *Derek was such a kind and sweet fellow. I knew him from my days in the Registrar's Office, as he was one of our scheduling officers. I talked with him on the phone and in person many times. I considered him a dear friend and colleague. I am deeply saddened by his passing. My heartfelt sympathies and condolences on your loss.*



Myra Riggs - June 08, 2017 at 09:48 AM

KV

“ *Love you always*

Kim

Kim Vint - June 08, 2017 at 09:01 AM

KV

“ *Love of my life, miss you!*

Kim

kim vint - June 07, 2017 at 07:01 PM

KV

“ *Please feel free to send your thoughts and prayers it would mean a lot to me.*

I need some thoughts.

Always,

Kim

Kim Vint - June 07, 2017 at 06:45 PM

JR

*Dearest Kim,
May the grace of God and your sweet memories bring you comfort.
Love to you,
Julie Riggs*

Julie Riggs - June 09, 2017 at 05:38 AM

KM

*Kim, you are the coolest neighbor we have! Even though I never got to meet Derek, I now know through our visits and the sweet obit that Derek was also the coolest neighbor! I do wish I had known him. Come play Euchre with Sylvan, Lara and I!
Love,
Kevin*

Kevin S MacDowell - June 14, 2017 at 08:17 AM

NN

Kim, John and I were so sorry to hear of Derek's passing. The 2 of you had a beautiful love story. It was obvious to all when you were together. We are thinking of you. Peace, love and light as you find your way ❤️

Nancy Nedel - June 16, 2017 at 08:22 AM

ST

Miss you each and everyday

Stella - July 14, 2017 at 09:37 PM

KI

love you so

kim - September 30, 2017 at 08:19 PM

KI

What did you do in heaven today love. Astros and Dodgers 1 to 1

Kim - October 27, 2017 at 09:52 PM

NA

“ *Natalie lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Natalie - June 07, 2017 at 02:50 PM

BJ

“ *Billie Jones lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Billie Jones - June 07, 2017 at 02:30 PM

KJ

“ *Kim, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so deeply sorry to hear this news. While I have only known you for a short time, Derek will always have a special place in my heart. Kathie Johnson (nurse at ENT for Dr. Johnson).*



Kathie Johnson - June 07, 2017 at 10:04 AM

TR

“ *Trish lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Trish - June 07, 2017 at 09:30 AM

PU

“ *Puddin lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Puddin - June 06, 2017 at 09:11 PM

ST

“ *Stella lit a candle in memory of John Derek Vint*



Stella - June 06, 2017 at 09:10 PM