



## John H. Gompers

April 5, 1956 - August 20, 2020

John H. Gompers, 64, of Wheeling died Thursday, August 20, 2020. Born April 5, 1956, he was the youngest child of William and Sara Gompers. John was a Catholic by faith and a graduate of Central Catholic High School. He was a former manager of the VooDoo Club and Coach of the former IDE Men's Softball Team. He loved the Indians, Browns and Fighting Irish. He was a member of the Cave Club, Snakes Club and Wheeling Moose Lodge. A lifelong student of history, particularly the Civil War, his favorite place on earth was Gettysburg.

John is survived by his wife, Thea Gompers; brother, Tom (Lucille) Gompers of Wheeling; sisters, Mary Lynn (Chris) Kreitzer and Janet (Ron) Taylor, both of Wheeling; brother-in-law, Ralph Taylor of Washington, PA, sisters-in-law, Melissa (Ralph) Metz of Claysville, PA, and Laura (Andrew) Monaco of College Station, TX; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews and little kitty, Gracie.

Family will receive friends Saturday from 2-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling. A Prayer Service at 7:45pm by Sister Mary Ann Rosenbaum.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem

1 Ridgecrest Road

Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003

(304) 232-0400

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Thea,  
So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was my youngest cousin, and his father was my beloved godfather. From all the remarks I have read on this page, I am only sorry that I didn't get to know him better. I do have one great memory from a couple years ago. My husband and I were sitting at the bar at Abbeys and this voice next to me asked me my name and told me that we were close relatives. John and I caught up a bit then, and his humor and personality were evident. I know John was much loved. I suspect that when his name is mentioned there will be a smile on everyone's face. I am praying that all your memories will help you through this difficult time.

Carole Wilhelm

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**Carole Wilhelm** - August 29, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KG

“ Dear Thea, I am so sorry for your lost of very good man in John. I remember John when we play for the Island Tigers when I was ten and we were always friends. I will always remember John's tone in his voice and how smart he was and how he always had a funny comeback to any question that was asked. But most of all I was always happy to see the both of you at our Island Reunions and I always looked forward to walking into Abbey's and getting to see and talk to the both of you together at the bar. May God Bless you and John always be with you.

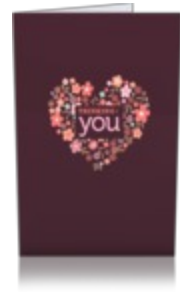
Kim Gruber

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**Kim Gruber** - August 26, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John H. Gompers.



August 25, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Dear Thea, It was an honor to take care of John. You took very good care of him. I'm glad I got to see him at our class reunion last summer. Take care and I'll keep you in my prayers. Marie Stoehr

Marie - August 24, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Thea, I am so sorry for you for the loss of you husband. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Tami Gallaher

Tami Gallaher - August 23, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Thea and family, so sorry to hear of John's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Greg, Patty, Shannon and Kevin.

Greg Gompers - August 23, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Thea, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.....Cheryl Tucker

Cheryl Tucker - August 23, 2020 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Truly a friend to all. RIP

Joanne Misenhelder - August 23, 2020 at 07:09 AM

CH

“ Thea, so sorry to hear of John's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Candy Helms (Dr. Vic's office)

Candy Helms - August 22, 2020 at 06:43 PM

KD

“ Tom, Janet and Mary Lynn, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was the kindest and funniest guys that I knew. He always gave me a "hard way to go" and I would tell him he was like Uncle Tom Moore. Rest in peace, John and prayers for all who loved him

Kathy Kloeppner Dixon - August 22, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BJ

“ We were shocked and heart-broken to hear of John's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Thea, as well as all of John's family and friends.

Barb and Ronnie

Barbara Jones - August 22, 2020 at 11:04 AM

SS

“ Thea my condolences & May God Bless you. John was such a good caring man & a good friend. From the day we meet we always shared laughs together. We will all miss you John May God Bless .  
Scott "Moses" Smith

Scott "Moses" Smith - August 22, 2020 at 10:45 AM

RH

“ Such a kind, loving and caring human being. There was only one Johnny Gomper's. You are forever etched in my memories. RIP my friend...much love to you. And may God bless Thea❤️

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**Rick Hickman** - August 21, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DY

“ This is so hard for me. I will forever miss one of my best friends of my youth. We shared alot of good times together. Didn't get to see you enough when we got older and I will always regret that. I will never forget when you JR Bern and Coo come out to the house and we listened to all the old songs we grew up listening to. JR told me you said you had a great time. We should have done that more often. Miss you already my friend. My deepest condolences to your family. Will see you on the other side my friend

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**Don Yaquinta** - August 21, 2020 at 07:00 PM

PM

“ To the John Gompers Family: My heart is breaking now with the news of John's passing. We go back many many years and had lots of great times. You will always be in my prayers and thoughts. Rest in peace my sweet friend.

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**Peggy Lucey Morris** - August 21, 2020 at 04:54 PM

KM

“ So sorry for your loss. I grew up, up the street on N. Huron st. Mary Lynn and Janet used to babysat my brothers and i. Many prayers and much Love ❤️🙏 Kathleen McNeil and family



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**Kathleen McNeil** - August 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM

RB

“ My forever coach & friend. You gave me the opportunity to play for I.D.E. and always believed in me. I drove you crazy at times but we sure had a lot fun. Will never forget our legendary softball trip to Georgia with me, you & Jeff in the car together. Plus that time I ran through the outfield fence at Pulaski and when I opened my eyes and had the fence lying on top of me you were the first person I saw kneeling over me asking me if I was ok. Jeff told me it was the only time he ever saw you run! I love you buddy you are forever a champion! ⚾🏆

Ryan Breiding - August 21, 2020 at 03:15 PM

LM

“ Thea and family, Larry and I are very sad to hear of Johns passing. We have known him for a very long time and spent many good times listening to he and Bert talk about their ball days, the island, and their fun growing up. He was such a good friend to Bert , and when John was diagnosed Bert was devastated. Now you can bet that Bert has reignited that friendship and they will spend all their time catching up and reminiscing about the “island”. Peace be with all of you at this time of great loss. Leslie and Larry Manning

leslie manning - August 21, 2020 at 02:39 PM

LN

“ Lois Namack lit a candle in memory of John H. Gompers



Lois Namack - August 21, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Johns passing. I went to Central with him. He was a nice guy. May his soul Rest In Peace and May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you at this sad time.  
Cathy Sharpsky Piazza

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**Cathy Piazza** - August 21, 2020 at 01:08 PM

BW

“ John was a childhood friend during our days of living on N. Huron St. Many good memories of our group of friends playing in the alley until the streetlights came on or we were called for dinner. Hugs and prayers to all of John's family and friends during this time of loss.  
Peace!

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**Brian Winiesdorffer** - August 21, 2020 at 11:16 AM

GB

“ Thea and family, I grew up with John in grade school at old Blessed Trinity Grade School. He was always a quiet, nice, smart boy. Only met up once later in life even though we have been in the same town all of these years. The quiet, nice person will be missed. Thoughts and prayers remain with you during this most difficult time.  
RIP John! Gina Baker

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**Gina Baker** - August 21, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DY

This is so hard for me. I will always miss one of my best friends of my youth. We shared alot of good times together. Didn't get to see you enough when we got older and I will always regret that. I will never forget when you JR Bern and Coo come out to the house and we listened to all the old songs we grew up listening to. JR told me you said you had a great time. We should have done that more often. Miss you already my friend. My deepest condolences to your family. Will see you on the other side my friend.

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**Don Yaquinta** - August 21, 2020 at 05:10 PM

CV

*Thea, Janet, Mary Lynn & family I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

**Christina Vellenoweth** - August 21, 2020 at 05:21 PM

SF

*To John's family  
So sorry to hear of his passing. He was always a good friend to our family and he had a good time at my cousin Bert's house whenever we had a get-to-gether. He was a good man and a good friend that will be missed by a lot of people  
He had a beautiful smile  
We will meet again  
RIP John in the hands of God 🙏*

**Sundae Schenerlein Fassig** - August 22, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KD

*“ I grew up two doors away from John. Spent many days growing up with him and his brother and sisters. He was always “that little kid” . I remember when he was very young his interest in JFK. When the movie PT109 came out, I took him to the theater to see it. He was in love of that movie. RIP my friend.*

**karen carmack dimauro** - August 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM

WL

*“ Wendy Moore and Chris Lodor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John H. Gompers.*



**Wendy Moore and Chris Lodor** - August 21, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ *Thea,  
I am thinking of you during this difficult time.*

*Leigh Scherich*

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**Leigh Scherich** - August 21, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of  
John H. Gompers.*



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August 21, 2020 at 10:06 AM

KD

“ *Mary Lynn, Janet and Tom, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing,  
he was always the jokester when I would see him. Prayers for all  
who loved him.*

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**Kathy Kloeppner Dixon** - August 21, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was  
purchased for the family of John H. Gompers.*



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August 21, 2020 at 08:25 AM

MW

“ So very sorry for your loss. He was such a nice guy will be sadly missed. RIP

Missy Walker - August 21, 2020 at 08:21 AM

DS

“ Thea Im so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers. Debbie South

Debbie South - August 21, 2020 at 07:47 AM

TM

“ Terry and Marsha purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John H. Gompers.



Terry and Marsha - August 21, 2020 at 07:16 AM

DA

“ My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of "Gomps". Denny Albaugh

Dennis R Albaugh - August 21, 2020 at 07:05 AM

DJ

“ Don, Marianne & Sal, Lawrence & Colleen and Joanne purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John H. Gompers.



Don, Marianne & Sal, Lawrence & Colleen and Joanne - August 20, 2020 at 11:53 PM

DR

“ *Thea,  
So sorry to hear this news. I will miss seeing you together at  
Abbeys. Please , Judy and I are here if we can do anything.*

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**Don Rebich** - August 20, 2020 at 06:57 PM

BZ

“ *Thea,  
Words can not describe how sad we were when we heard about  
John’s passing. We are just a phone call away if you need anything.  
Rest in knowing you are in many people thoughts and prayers. Beth  
& Gary Z.*

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**beth zebick** - August 20, 2020 at 06:32 PM

PG

“ *You are in our thoughts on this very sad day. John will be missed,  
much love from Pom and Bill. x*

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**Pam and Bill Goodwin** - August 20, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family  
of John H. Gompers.*



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August 20, 2020 at 03:55 PM