



## John E. Litviak

July 20, 1945 - December 4, 2011

John Edward Litviak Sr., age 66, of rural Lone Rock & Spring Green, formerly of Chicago died Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Upland Hills Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Dodgeville, Wisconsin after a long & courageous battle with illnesses. John was born July 20, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois the son of John E. & Josephine (Janik) Litviak II. John married Maria Cristina Navarro on September 20, 1997 in Spring Green, Wisconsin. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, & skiing.

Survivors include his wife Cristina Litviak of Spring Green; a son, John Edward (Mary) Litviak IV of Spring Green; a daughter, Carmella (Thomas) Ludwig I of Chicago; a granddaughter, Elizabeth (Zachary) Gieck of Lone Rock; 2 grandsons, John Edward Litviak V of Spring Green, Thomas Ludwig II of Chicago; a great grandson, Kaleb Gieck of Lone Rock; other relatives & friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM at the Spring Green Community Church with visitation starting at 2:00 PM and Pastor Kendall Hartger officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the family. Also, A Funeral Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 10:30 AM at the St. Matthews Catholic Church 1555 Glen Ellgin

Rd., Glendale Heights, Illinois 60139. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center, Wisconsin is assisting the family with arrangements. On line condolences, pictures, & life stories can be done at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I'm remembering you today with love and fond memories. After a year without you, your quiet character and good humor reigns in my heart and always will. Thank you for gracefully allowing me to call you 'dad' for those years I was without mine and accepting me for who I am. We celebrate you today and share a French silk chocolate pie in your honor. Looking forward to seeing you again someday, smiling and enjoying a body that never hurts or gets sick ever again. Love you. Mary.

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Mary Litviak - Sprin, WI - Daughter-in-Law - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Sweetheart,  
Words can't explain how much I miss you, it has been a year and it is really hard to accept that you are really gone it seems like yesterday. Everyday has been a struggle.  
I stare at you pictures and treasure are memories . I miss your voice, your smile, your blue eyes, your touch, your solid advice, you phone calls and your kind and conforing words.  
I never could imagine my life with out you, it is very hard and I miss you so much.  
I know you are in God's House and I cant wait to see you .

Love you so much  
Your Wife  
Cristina

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Cristna Litviak - Lone Rock, WI - Wife - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ As we gather together tonight at your house, on the one year anniversary of your journey to Heaven, we will remember all of the good times we have shared. Your companionship was so important to all of us, and we miss you very much. We are still making warm memories in your honor, thinking of you daily. Your new grandson has entered the world, and I can't wait to share you with him- although you probaby have met him in Heaven. :) We all love and miss you. Sending a coupla of lanterns up tonight...you should see it soon from where you are. Love, Elizabeth and family.

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**Elizabeth Gieck - Lone Rock, WI - Granddaughter** - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Just like every other day of the week, we are thinking of you Dad. I know you are with us in more ways than one. When Tommy comes to me saying "Grandpa is visiting tonight", we know you are right here and we smile. I know you can see Tommy, how big he has gotten and all that he has accomplished in the last year. I bought him the Gingerbread House from you~he was so happy to see that I remembered~I will always remember! We will build it together and think of you. I am so happy that I can throw in a DVD and there you are! I cherish those home videos of you. I will always be thankful for you Dad. WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO. Happy Thanksgiving~until we are together again.

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**Carmella - Chicago, IL - Daughter** - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *HAPPY BIRTHADAY SWEETHEART !!!!!!!*  
*In My broken Hearth I have all the beautiful memories and happy times with shared together. The caring, understanding and love with had for each other.*  
*Our Love is very special that kept growing and growing for more them 22 + years. I MISS YOU SO MUCH .*  
*I LOVE YOU BABY*

*Your Wife*  
*Cristina Litviak*  
*Spring Green WI*

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**Cristina Litviak - Spring Green, WI - Wife - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CD

“ *Happy Birthday Dad! I love and miss you more that words can express.*

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**Carmella - Chicago, IL - Daughter - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CD

“ *Happy Fathers Day Dad! I love you! So grateful for all the WONDERFUL Fathers Day memories with you! Until we can celebrate together again.....*

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**Carmella - Chicago, IL - Daughter - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ *John it has been many years but I remember the good times we use to have when we were young and foolish. My best wishes to your family and I know they will miss you.*

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**Louise Cayer - Monroe, OH - Friend - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

EG

“ As I stare out of your living room windows I remember how much fun we all had at your house together. Now that you are in God's house, I can't imagine the fun we will have when we will all be reunited again. I love you and think about you all the time, especially the advice and encouragement you always gave me.

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**Elizabeth Gieck - Lone Rock, WI - Granddaughter** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dad, I miss our visits and our quiet conversations. I envy the freedom you are enjoying today and looking forward to seeing you again. You are missed and in my thoughts. Love you. Mar.

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**Mary Litviak - Spring Green, WI - Daughter-in-law** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday, and the day's before that too. I think of you in silence. I often speak your name. All I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part. God has you in his arms. I have you in my heart!

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**Carmella Ludwig - Chicago, IL - Daughter** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Cristina el espíritu de John siempre te estará protegiendo, tu tienes una razón por que seguir adelante, tus hijos nietos ademas de todo el entorno de familiares y amigos que te aprecian por la lectura de sus pensamientos escritos en estas memorias. No tuve el honor de conocerlo a tu esposo John pero por los escritos leídos fue excelente persona. Que el señor Dios lo tenga en su gloria es mi deseo. Con gran aprecio y amor para mi sobrina Cristina. Su tío,  
Humberto

Escrito en la ciudad de Caracas Venezuela Fecha: 19 Enero de 2012

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**Humberto Navarro Caceres - Caracas Distrito Capital 1060, CA - Tio - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

KG

“ Great Great Papa, I miss you. Look, I wanted to show you I could sing my alphabet! "A-B-I-B-C-D-N-F-G-J-M-N-P-Q-R-S-T-U-D-W-X-Y-Z! Love you Grandpa."

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**Kaleb Gieck - Lone Rock, WI - Great Grandson - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CD

“ I miss you so much Dad! Merry Christmas ! I love you!

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**Carmella Ludwig - Chicago, IL - Daughter - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

TF

“ We miss you !!!!!!!!!!!  
Love you

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**Tinker and Misty - Lone Rock, WI - Family** - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ dear grandma,  
im so sorry that john had died. i feel so bad for you. my prayers will  
always with you. i miss all the good times we had at your house.  
going swimming in the lake, fishing with you and john, and al the  
other fun memories. but i know you will be just fine. you can always  
call me or text me if you need someone to talk to to.

-Anthony!

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**Anthony Skorupa - joliet, IL - step grand fahter** - December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Mariacristina - John will be missed. Praying for you. All our love.

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**Saraliz - Chicago, IL** - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Cristina,  
So many wonderful memories.....the weekends we spent together shopping with the fellas. Whether it was visiting the Frank Lloyd Wright homes, the Amish Furniture stores, etc. etc., then having dinner together. We will miss those peaceful moments, but know John is in a better place. You were a loyal devoted wife; he was lucky to have you and I think it knew it.  
I am so glad you found each other and spent the best years as true companions.  
We will all meet again, but in the interim, enjoy the life God has granted us.  
With affection,  
Bob and Linda Breivogel

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**Bob and Linda Breivogel - Elmhurst, IL - Friends** - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Cristina~  
John will be remembered by so many as a kind and gentle man. He used to wait quietly and patiently for you to finish work here. He always gave a bright engaging smile when spoken to. You gave him wonderful care for as long as I've known you. You were a role model, devoted and exemplary wife. You always give lovingly to those around you without question. Thank you for your reassurance while enduring much of the same with my mom recently. You should look back knowing you did anything and everything you possibly could. John left this world absolutely knowing that too. Now you can anticipate a joyous reunion in Heaven! There is still much hope:)

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**Cyndi Otto - Baraboo, WI - friend/coworker** - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Cristi hermanita, lo lamento muchísimo, me da mucho dolor que ahora no tengas más la compañía de John, imagino lo sola que te debes sentir, no sabes cuanto me gustaría poder estar allá contigo, espero que Dios te de mucha fuerza y voluntad para seguir adelante. Sabes que John está más tranquilo con Dios, está descansando y seguro quiere y espera que descanses tu también. Cuando hablamos me dijiste que John quería conocernos y a nosotros también nos hubiese gustado conocerlo. Te quiero mucho y siento la partida de John aún más. Te mando un gran abrazo desde Caracas, Venezuela.*

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**Cecilia Preciado Navarro - Maria Cristina's Sister** - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *Dear aunt, our truly and deepest condolences. It would had been nice to meet John and to be with you in this moment. A big hug from Caracas.*

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**Valentina y Estefania Sojo - Maria Cristina's nieces** - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Cristina, lo lamento mucho. No pude conocer a John pero era tu pareja y compañía. Todos nosotros somos fuertes y sé que saldrás adelante. Te mandamos muchos cariños desde acá.*

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**Martha Lucia y Damian - Maria Cristina's Sister & nephew** - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Querida Cristina, nuestras más sinceras condolencias por la muerte de John. Que Dios te de mucha fuerza para seguir adelante. Muchos cariños, Nena.*

*Querida hermana, me dijeron que John murió y quería decirte que lo siento mucho y me gustaría poder estar contigo para acompañarte y darte apoyo. Te quiero, Enrique*

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**Nena y Enrique - Cristina's Aunt & Brother** - December 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *We are blessed with warm memories that will hold deep in our hearts forever. Thank you for being a part of our lives. Love and God Bless!*

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**Andrea & Brian Evans - Elk Grove Village, IL - Friend** - December 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Cristina, You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember John as a very kind, loving man. We appreciated the evening/night we stayed at your house a few years ago; John was wonderful!*

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**Becky Wippich - Mauston, WI** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to you Cristina and family. With much love and blessings, Connie and Paul*

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**Connie and Paul Calamari - Oxford, WI - friends** - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Our youngest son, Tom, married your beautiful Carmella and we share in the joy of our grandson Thomas. Our fortunate family grew another circle of family, friends, parties and a full life. We were so pleased when you all attended Carmella's birthday hosted at our home in Chicago. You will be missed but our memories of you will be long lasting.

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**Dennis & Mary Ludwig - Chicago , IL - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

IF

“ I only met you once at Carmela's wedding. Your daughter was a very beautiful bride and you were so proud of her. I am so sorry that you are gone from us, but now you are an angel to protect your whole family. Giving lots of big hugs to your whole family.

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**Irene Frank - Glendale Heights, IL - Your daughter's friend. - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

EG

“ Grandpa, you mean so much to us. You always trusted me, and you spoke honestly with a huge heart. I love remembering your smile and laugh, I can't wait to see and hear you again. I think about you every day.

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**Elizabeth Gieck - Lone Rock, WI - Granddaughter - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

LN

“ Uncle Jack you will always be in our hearts...Love, Louie, Jessica, Amanda & Kayla  
P.S Thank you for being my Godfather and always staying in mine and my fathers lives =)

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**Louie Jaeger Jr. - Sugar Grove, IL - Nephew/Godson - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

TG

“ I LOVE YOU GRANDPA! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT UP THERE? I WILL MISS YOU!

Tommy Ludwig - Chicago, IL - Grandson - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Cristina, my heart breaks for you and know that you are in my prayers. John was a great guy...so personable and kind. You will see him again in Heaven. My deepest sympathy to you and the family. Karen Truemper

Karen Truemper - Aurora, IL - friend - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dad, so glad we became friends after so many years being just a relative. I will miss gardening with you and sharing stories and time just watching TV, your passion for campfires and the pine trees, just like me. You will always be in my heart.

Mary - Spring Green, WI - Daughter-in-law - December 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ When I lost my Father, I lost the captain of my ship. It will be hard steering the course without you. I LOVE YOU DAD. I will remember our long talks on the deck, swimming in the river, laughing together, flying down the ski slopes and ice skating on the frozen lake when I was little. I knew it was the last chapter, I just didn't know how many pages that chapter would have. There is comfort in knowing you are at peace, without pain and in the arms of our creator and the family who were waiting for you.

*I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18*

*Until we are together again.*

Carmella Ludwig - Chicago, IL - Daughter - December 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NU

“ Uncle Jack, your smile will be missed as will your voice, I can still hear you saying "Hi Honey" on one of our phone conversations. You were my father's best friend and someone he looked forward to talking to just about every day. The family will grieve your passing but celebrate your life and the lives you helped bring into this world. You were a wonderful Uncle and I do not think I will ever be able to forget your birthday cake all those years ago that my eyes had to covered for ;o)

*My prayer is that you are now resting comfortably in the arms of our Savior Jesus. I love you, Nicky*

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**Nicole Dulski - Elburn, IL - Uncle** - December 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM