



# John Morris Cushing

June 4, 1985 - March 7, 2015

John Morris Cushing

1985-2015

John our beloved son, nephew, cousin and friend passed away on March 7th 2015 at his home in Sandy, UT. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. John attended Beacon Heights Elementary, St. Ann's Catholic School and Judge Memorial High School. He was a Microsystems Analyst with Salt Lake County Animal Services.

John had a great smile and witty sense of humor. He had people laughing wherever he went. He was generous to many in need. He was a life-long learner and had a passion for mycology and grew his own gourmet mushrooms. He loved to run, lift weights and practice nutrition. He taught himself to play guitar and took singing lessons. He studied many different religions and found that we are all connected and should love one another.

John is survived by Mary L. and E. Lloyd Cox (Salt Lake City) and Charles D. and Stephanie Cushing (Murray, UT) and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by Bartia A. and Paul Veach (Grandma & Grandpa) and Charles Catsifas (Grandfather, Hohlia, Evritania, Greece) and Peggy M. & Charles J. Cushing (Grandparents).

Services will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015 with Visitation from 11am-Noon and a Funeral Service at Noon. The location is McKinley Ward, 1882 S West Temple in Salt Lake City. Interment will be held in Centerville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers you may donate to [www.familysupportcenter.org](http://www.familysupportcenter.org). We thank family and friends for all the help through this sorrowful time. On-line condolences and favorite stories or thoughts are welcome at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

Afraid to sleep and dream and too tired to day.

Be not ashamed - you did your best.

Now, you can fly and your family will be with you always.

Lloyd and I will love you and can't wait to sore with you!

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

Johns' favorite poem was the "The Builder" by Longfellow.

All are architects of Fate,  
Working in these walls of Time;  
Some with massive deeds and great,  
Some with ornaments of rhyme.  
Nothing useless is, or low;  
Each thing in its place is best;  
And what seems but idle show  
Strengthens and supports the rest.  
For the structure that we raise,  
Time is with materials filled;  
Our to-days and yesterdays  
Are the blocks with which we build.  
Truly shape and fashion these;  
Leave no yawning gaps between;  
Think not, because no man sees,  
Such things will remain unseen.  
In the elder days of Art,  
Builders wrought with greatest care  
Each minute and unseen part;  
For the Gods see everywhere.  
Let us do our work as well,  
Both the unseen and the seen;  
Make the house, where Gods may dwell,  
Beautiful, entire, and clean.  
Else our lives are incomplete,  
Standing in these walls of Time,  
Broken stairways, where the feet  
Stumble as they seek to climb.  
Build to-day, then, strong and sure,  
With a firm and ample base;  
And ascending and secure  
Shall to-morrow find its place.  
Thus alone can we attain  
To those turrets, where the eye  
Sees the world as one vast plain,

And one boundless reach of sky.

# Cemetery Details

## Centerville City Cemetery

400 S 600 E  
Centerville, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

McKinley LDS Chapel  
1882 S West Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

McKinley LDS Chapel  
1882 S West Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Is anyone aware of another John Morris Cushing? Would someone get in contact with me that knows him? sunndiz@yahoo.com

Shana - March 11, 2017 at 09:03 AM

JE

“ I met John back when we were just kids in middle school . I lived in Georgia and he lived in Salt Lake City. We were long distant friends. I remember John being such a sweet and caring friend. I remember spending hours on the phone with him talking about how I should be proud of who I was and where I came from. He opened my eyes at such a young age to be proud of who I was and where I came from. I remember meeting him for the first time . My family and I flew out to Salt Lake City for vacation and he met up with us . That moment I saw him was breathtaking . We had been friends over the phone for a while so finally meeting him was amazing . I will never forget my first love John. May you rest in piece John. I'am a proud Latina today and I thank you ! :-). Love always , Jessica Ward.

jessica - March 05, 2016 at 01:00 AM

AS

“ I met john several years ago. We became great friends almost immediately. He was such an amazing man. Anytime I called him and was upset he would pick up and make me smile and laugh. We would Skype all the time which would sometimes result in us falling asleep together on skype. I love john so much he will always have my heart. I'm so sorry Mary. I can't imagine the pain you're going through. I know he loves you he told me all the time. J.c I love you forever boo. :)

alannah siebert - April 19, 2015 at 02:53 PM

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Serenity Funeral Home - March 16, 2015 at 05:01 PM

TA

“ *Mary and Lloyd, I am grieving for you and the pain and loss you are going through. I pray that you will find comfort in loving memories. I only knew John for a short time, but I have a few fond memories I would like to share. I could tell instantly that he was brilliant and had a snarky sense of humor. He was pretty quiet, but when asked, he always had a quirky response to every situation. When he got excited about an idea, he could barely hold it in and bounced around when he told people about it. He was full of great ideas....and energy! I found this picture of him and it is such a great representation of his personality. He left his mark on everyone that knew him. John, I will miss you!*

*Talia*



**Talia** - March 16, 2015 at 03:27 PM



*Talia I want you to know how much this means to us. He was fun and full of ideas. This is so comforting and gives us strength in the days ahead.*

**Mary Cox** - March 17, 2015 at 06:35 AM



“ *I am so saddened and sorry for your loss of John. He was a wonderful person, and I am honored I got to be a small part of his life helping him find his home. He was always so positive and upbeat, and such a pleasure to work with as he was such a straight forward, honest and happy person. A great soul has just left this world, and there will be a hole he has left behind. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I am sorry I wasn't able to attend today.*

*Love,  
Janet Spencer*

**Janet Spencer** - March 14, 2015 at 03:29 PM



*Janet I will remember our conversations from the many hours spent touring around for John's home. John loved to talk about the local and national politics and the state of the economy. Some funny stories come to mind.*

**Mary Cox** - March 17, 2015 at 06:36 AM



“ John you were an amazing soul in this life! Always upbeat and the biggest smile. I know your 'LOVE and LIGHT' is still shining brightly where you are now. You know John you were right all along 'we are all connected'. With your passing there is a brief feeling like I have lost part of myself. But then I realize you are still part of us and with us still. Not withstanding I will miss that smile and sparkle that radiated from you in this life. Until we meet again my friend. You are the best!  
Sincerely Russell Stout  
Salt Lake County CO-worker in Data Processing

Russell Stout - March 14, 2015 at 12:08 PM



Russell thank you for knowing my son so well. His light is so bright and I feel him with me so strongly. He was so compassionate with people down and out because he knew we are one big family!

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 06:46 AM



“ I worked with John at Salt Lake County and where ever he worked he was my go to guy. Always happy, always willing to help, going above and beyond anytime he could. What I liked the most about him was his smile, he always seemed to have one! John will be greatly missed, we lost a good one...



Andy Watts

Andy Watts - March 13, 2015 at 07:37 AM



Andy I can't tell you how much this means to us. It helps us know how much he affected peoples lives.

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 06:48 AM



“ I worked with John at Salt Lake County for a number of years. He was a great inspiration. We would talk about philosophy, religion and health tips. I would always laugh at the chicken and rice he insisted on eating every day. He will be missed!! He had a great smile, a super laugh and always helpful. We love and miss you my friend.

Kelli - March 12, 2015 at 11:04 PM



*Kelli I know that he cared about each of you. I know about the chicken and rice and beans. He convinced me to try and have food ready for the day. He was very disciplined when it came to nutrition. We miss him and he also loved B & J's Cherry Garcia ice cream!*

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 06:53 AM

KE

“ *John will be greatly missed.*



Kellie - March 12, 2015 at 01:08 PM



*Thank you!*

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 06:53 AM

WW

“ *Wenlyn Walters lit a candle in memory of John Morris Cushing*



Wenlyn Walters - March 12, 2015 at 11:53 AM



*Thank you sweetheart!*

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 06:54 AM

KI

“ *John had a kind soul and huge heart. It was something I noticed almost immediately when I met him and the day I introduced him to Capone I had no doubt how huge his heart was, he was wearing it on his sleeve. He was always willing to drop everything to help and with my issues with computers I asked a lot. I will miss our conversations, his sense of humor and his great smile. I am glad I had the chance to know you John even if it was for a short time. My condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.*

Kiera - March 12, 2015 at 11:28 AM



*Kiera if I had a daughter i would want her to be like you. You are so perceptive. John had Capone with him even when he slept! I hope Caponie is doing well. Lloyd is trying to find somebody within our family to take Capone so we can visit. Love you and thank you so much.*

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**Mary Cox** - March 17, 2015 at 06:56 AM

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**Sandy** - March 12, 2015 at 10:57 AM



*Sandy thanks for being so thoughtful! Pictures are worth a thousand words. John and Capone were best buddies. He had some many toys for Capone to play with. He insisted that I take my 18 month puppy to Canine Life Line for training. He knew the dogs need to feel secure and no what is expected of them.*

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**Mary Cox** - March 17, 2015 at 07:01 AM

SH

“ *I first met John when he was a child – full of energy, humor and kindness. He was the light of his mother’s life. His quest for knowledge and fun personality were appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to know him. John will be truly missed.*

*Sharon*

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**Sharon** - March 12, 2015 at 09:51 AM



*Sharon I am so lucky to have you for a friend. I want to say "thank you" for speaking at his funeral. My heart was to full to speak and it meant more to me that I can express.*

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**Mary Cox** - March 17, 2015 at 07:05 AM

B.

“ Knowing John was knowing that there was good in the world. The short time we had him I know his mission was to bring light to others, to heal. I never left a conversation with John feeling empty, his genuine heart always made me realize the significance in life. Not by what was said always, but by the sincerity and empathy he always brought. Sometimes those who have so much insight are those that are most vulnerable, and sometimes those that care the most are easily hurt. What I know about losing John is that the good side lost this time. May the knowledge of the great beyond find him and may he continue his great journey.

B.J. - March 11, 2015 at 07:55 PM



BJ you were a good friend to John. I know that he cared deeply about you and wanted the best for you. You touch so many peoples lives as well. I often think that those that quietly influence others do not realize it. You made an impact on him.

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 07:18 AM

SA

“ I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with John. He was always so nice and genuine, and always had a smile on his face. He was always willing to help anyone out without any hesitation. Rest in peace, John. We will make sure to give Capone lots of extra loves for you.

Sarah - March 11, 2015 at 06:24 PM



Sarah thank you for your tender heart. Lloyd and I both miss Capone. Lloyd wants somebody we know to adopt so we can visit him. I want to see him soon if possible.

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 07:20 AM

MA

“ I will miss seeing John at work. He was so funny and always had a smile on his face. He always helped me with whatever I needed help with. We lost such a great person and friend. Rest in peace, John. See you on the flip side!

Mari - March 11, 2015 at 05:40 PM



Mari I feel so connected with you sweetie! I am sure that John adored you too.

Mary Cox - March 17, 2015 at 07:22 AM



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - March 11, 2015 at 01:19 PM