



John Zeller Gardiner, 62. Child of God and Beloved husband of Deborah Marie Hannan peacefully and gently took Jesus hand and went home to heaven on Monday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. at his home with Deborah Maria. He is deeply missed by his devoted wife and

caregiver Deborah Maria who adored John as he adored her. They were best friends for 23 years and were married 7 3/4 years. John is survived by his cherished mother, Bobbie; and his dear adopted mother, Joyce Mary Cumisk Hannan; also surviving are his loved siblings, Jim, Andy, Robin, Holly, Ginger and their children, Lindsay, Mark, Jaime, Mandy, Ron, Olivia, Isabel, Tyler, Andrew and his close cherished adopted Hannan/Stamey/Redito siblings, John, Mary, Joyce, Victor, Patrick, Richard, Neesia, Adin, Roy, Mona and their children, Jacob, Luke, Molly, Mackenzie, Michael, Rachel, John, Lily, Forrest, Jessica, Keegan Jake and Jessie, who live all across the U.S. and Alaska. John is also deeply missed by fellow mime, storytelling and performing artists, teachers, schoolchildren, close friends, Vineyard church members and pastors, Lake Otsego neighbors, and the medical staff at The James and at Duke Brain Tumor Center and thousands who loved John and keenly feel their loss of John on Earth. John sought to serve others his whole life and used mime, storytelling and acting as his way to share his love and God's love all over the US. He and his wife and other professional performers with GABRIELSIGN Dance, Mime and Storytelling Company traveled far and wide sharing God's Love through the arts and worship, teaching on Biblical social justice and encouraging the arts in all types of secular settings in colleges, schools, libraries and in national, statewide and community settings and events. John established John Z. Gardiner Story Theater 16 years ago and performed all over the US as a solo performer. He was a respected and loved performing and teaching artist for the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Ohio Arts Council Artist on Tour as well as an artist for the Kentucky and West Virginia Artist on Tour programs. As a full-time Language arts tutor John was a prime developer

of the small schools system at Brookhaven High School in Columbus. He was a loved tutor at Maryhaven and Rosemount School as well as a compassionate teacher at Chillicothe High School. He will be remembered always for his joyful sense of humor and his love of words especially tongue twisters and encouraging sayings and for his childlike awe of the world. He was a treasured education scholar who longed to see students develop into caring, healthy whole persons. His drug prevention work made a difference in the lives of students who struggle with addictions. He became an amazing teacher on worship and praise. His pure heart and soul in worship was an example to all who strive to know and love God more. He and his wife fought stage 4 brain cancer and John was a 2 year and 9 month cancer survivor and he received his ultimate healing in heaven. God gave John and Deborah Maria incredible grace, mercy and joy in their journey for that they are eternally grateful and so thankful for the prayers and support of so many people. Come celebrate John's Life at his Memorial Celebration on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Vineyard Church of Columbus, 6000 Cooper Rd., Westerville, Ohio. A light luncheon reception following 12-2 p.m. Call 431-5130 to come to John's Open Houses where you can share your stories, memories and love with Deborah Maria. In lieu of flowers, donations in Deborah Marie Hannan's name can be made to any Guernsey Bank in Columbus, Ohio to help defray John's medical expenses.

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