



## John M. Dillingham

June 30, 1952 - February 5, 2012

SSG (Ret) John Marcus Dillingham, son of the late John Thomas and Geneva Mai (Williams) Dillingham, was born June 30, 1952 in Nashville, Tennessee where he grew up. He was a member of the Class of 1971 of Waverly Central High School where he graduated.

In 1971, John began serving in the United States Army. He retired in 1987 after his many years of faithful service to his country. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and earned several awards and commendations.

After retiring from the military, John began working as a Civil Service employee at Fort Leonard Wood. He was a security manager from 1987 until the present time. He was just getting ready to retire from his position.

John was very proud of the fact that he continued his education later in life. He graduated from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri in 1991. He loved to follow politics, history (especially the civil war), and research, have discussions and debates.

In his spare time, John enjoyed playing football. He was a very loyal Viking fan. He was very tough, but one of the biggest hearted people you would find. He was always helping others whenever he could. Most importantly, he treasured the times spent with his kids and grandchildren.

As a young man, John made a very important decision in life and followed the Lord in baptism. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

John passed Sunday, February 5, 2012 in the Missouri Baptist Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri having attained the age of 59 years, 7 months and 6 days.

John leaves to cherish his memory his three children: John Dillingham of Lawton, OK, Aaron Dillingham of Joplin, MO and Zachary Dillingham of St. Robert, MO; three siblings: Bobby Dillingham and David Dillingham, both of the state of TN and Donna Dillingham of the state of UT; 10 grandchildren: John, Christopher, Elisha, David, Bridgette, Haley, Gabrielle, Aaron, Zachary and Makai; several other relatives and friends.

Services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain (MAJ) Brian Palmer officiating. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Dillingham*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *It has been so long since John passed away, I don't know if any of his family will see this. John and I graduated from high school together. We lost touch, but I remember him as a really nice guy with a great smile. So sorry.*

**Jennifer Daniel Corbitt** - February 26, 2016 at 10:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. John and I were great friends, though I left the Fort Leonard Wood area 10 years ago.##imported-begin##Carol Alexander##imported-end##*

February 13, 2012 at 01:44 PM



“ *Uncle Johnny,  
I have many fond memories of you. Sadly, I wish I had more recent memories than those only from my childhood. I regret circumstances kept us apart and disconnected for so long. I was truly touched to receive your letter this past Christmas. Thank you for always having such a kind heart! I know you said you planned on retiring this summer, but I hope your "early retirement" brings you peace and happiness. You have always been and will continue to be missed and in my thoughts.*

*Your niece,  
Jennifer##imported-begin##Jennifer Duran##imported-end##*

February 09, 2012 at 11:19 AM



“ hey Dad. i miss you and love so much dude. sorry for the last 2 years pops; i know it was rough for the both of us. there was never no hatred between us..i never felt love loss, just difference in opinions. you taught me. aaron and john so much...never thought i would lose my hero my friend my daddy... i love and miss you so much dad....my God let you in the pearly gates, because you are one of " the good guys!!!" we love you Dad.

*zachary noah dillingham*

*aaron thomas dillingham*

*john marcus dillingham* `###imported-begin##`*zachary noah dillingham*`###imported-end##`

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February 09, 2012 at 03:27 AM



“ John,  
*I didn't know that you would leave so soon and so suddenly. I still don't feel that you are not here any more. Yes! Here! With us! With your family! With your friends! But your name on this page clearly tells that you are not with us. It means we see no more big smile, we hear no more jokes and we have no more enjoyable conversation with you. In my memory, you are always pleasant, compassionate and honest. You were a great father and a great brother in law. I know you always tried to be there If anybody needed help. Why? Because you were just that kind of guy. You are loved and will be loved. Good bye. We let you go now. God's blessings and peace be with you. With love and sympathy,*  
*The Paks*`###imported-begin##`*Soon Denning*`###imported-end##`

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February 08, 2012 at 08:29 PM



“ I will miss John a great deal. My heart and prayers go out to his family. John and I would frequently play some air guitar when we saw each other in the hallway at GLWACH. He always brought a smile to my face and I will always cherish the conversations I had with John and time that I knew him. I learned a great deal just from listening to him.##imported-begin##Sheldon Burk##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 02:08 PM



“ Our deepest Condolences to you and your family Zachary. Loving you always your Hawaiian Family in Dixon. Aloha##imported-begin##Cheyenna-Lei Ahn##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 01:58 PM



“ Know that John's co-workers are praying for the family. He will be missed. Your memories will sustain you in your hr. of loss.##imported-begin##Kathy Motzkus, Patient Admin Department##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 08:34 AM



“ It's been many years since we've seen one another. Our hearts go out for your loss. As I recall, your dad was a nice man. Try to believe he is in a better place...if you already don'tl. Again, our sympathy.

Leah & Eileen Edwards##imported-begin##Eileen & Leah Edwards##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 06:18 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Dillingham family in their time of grief. I only worked with John for a short time but it was my pleasure. His shoes will be very difficult to fill at GLWACH.

RIP my friend. Thank you for all you have done.##imported-begin##MSG Glenn Laird (Ret)##imported-end##

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February 07, 2012 at 06:58 PM



“ Rest in peace John, my prayers go out to his children and grandchildren.##imported-begin##Pam Goodin##imported-end##

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February 07, 2012 at 12:51 PM



“ We are going to miss you !!! So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##SUE COVERT##imported-end##

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February 07, 2012 at 12:13 PM



“ I will miss your friendly smile and your genuine freindliness,always there offering a helping hand. Rest in peace John, enjoy walking the streets of Heaven, and all the rewards that heaven has to offer. You will be missed. May God grant John's family peace,comfort,and strength during this difficult time. May GOD Bless Yoa All Marlin Stevens##imported-begin##Marlin [Mary] Stevens##imported-end##

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February 07, 2012 at 10:33 AM



“ Gonna miss you my dear friend you was always's such a wealth of knowledge and my good friend rest in peace.##imported-begin##Tonya Ellzey##imported-end##

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February 07, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ John will truly be missed. I remember with fondness and great joy the time I was able to work with him in the S2/S3 shop while stationed at GLWACH. He was such a great person and was more than willing to help a young soldier accomplish the duties of working as an operations NCO. Please know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers!

*Because of Him,*

*Danny Stephens##imported-begin##SFC Daniel Stephens (Ret)##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2012 at 06:42 PM