



## John Louis Magnuson, Jr.

November 22, 2021

John Louis Magnuson Jr., 46, of Winnebago died on November 22, 2021. Born on June 30, 1975 in Rockford; son of John Louis Magnuson Sr. and Kathy Gunter. Graduate of Rockford East High School, class of 1994. Veteran of the United States Army. United in marriage to Christa Nottingham on March 30, 2019. John was employed for the last 11 years as a Truck Driver at Old Dominion Freight Line. He was their top driver and recently received the One Million Mile award from the company. He was an avid fisherman, he enjoyed taking a photo with his catch and sending them on their way! He loved the Carolina Panthers and the Chicago White Sox. He had a passion for roller skating and had been a DJ at several roller rinks over the years. He recently purchased his dream car, a 2015 Dodge Challenger, and it was his baby. In 2019 he finally attained his dream job at the Rockford Speedway where he made so many friends who were so much like family. He was the creator of Racin' at Rockford; and was a huge fan of Windsor Pizza Parlor in Loves Park. Survived by his wife, Christa; children, Greg and Aaron Magnuson; step-children, Lynnea (Caleb) Blatchford, Koby Nottingham; granddaughter, Eliana Blatchford; father and step-mother, John and Peggy Magnuson Sr.; step-siblings, Russell (Danielle Buss) and Stacy (Nanette Salgado) Magnuson; niece, Deziree Magnuson; several nieces and nephews; grandmother, Joyce Jackson; grandmother-in-law, Elsie Burpo; mother and father-in-law, Jim and Lori Godfrey; sisters-in-law, Kara (Chris) Menken, Heather (Mike) Descourouez; dogs, Alexis and Freddy. Preceded in death by his mother and grandfather Melvin Jackson. John's family is grateful to the staff of OSF Hospital ICU and the NTICU staff for the loving care that they provided as he battled his health complications. Visitation on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford; followed by a celebration of John's life at 12 p.m. Pastor David Petty will officiate. Memorials may be made to John's family to be designated at a later date. Interment in Willwood Burial Park. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Willwood Burial Park

7000 West State Street  
Rockford, IL 61102

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Funeral Service

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Graveside Service

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Willwood Burial Park  
7000 West State Street  
Rockford, IL 61102

# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Louis Magnuson, Jr.



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 28, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of John Louis Magnuson, Jr.



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 26, 2021 at 11:05 AM



Paddi Contrera

*My deepest sympathy to the family.*

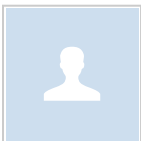
Paddi Contreras - November 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..



November 26, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..



November 24, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..*



November 24, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..*



November 24, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..*



November 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Our condolences on your loss. Bruce and Pamela Magnuson*

**Bruce Magnuson** - November 24, 2021 at 02:49 AM

BB

“ *When I met him at Rockford speedway he made me laugh when he act silly when they are racing and acts silly when he talking to the people in the stand and I'm gonna miss him*

**brenda bowman** - November 23, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..*



November 23, 2021 at 07:05 PM

JD

“ Johnny was my first born nephew. Have so many wonderful memories of him... I was 11 at the time. I miss LJ and so sorry for his family at this time of losing him. Have so many pictures and memories of him. I know he was a great Father always to his boys. Best Daddy. And how bgg he loved Halloween and doing what he loved in his short life..

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**Julieann dean** - November 23, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Louis Magnuson, Jr..



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