



Dr. John J. Delimata

September 25, 1942 - June 15, 2021

Dr. John J. Delimata, 78, of Kingsville, TX passed away June 15, 2021 in Kingsville, TX.

He was born on September 25, 1942 in Grabinina, Poland to Frank and Karolina Delimata.

He was a former geology professor at Texas A & I University Kingsville. He had a passion for fossils, and numerous geological sites including the Black Hills in South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Charles Delimata. Survivors include one brother, Charles Stanley Delimata of Belgrade, Montana; one sister, Lucy D. Zychek of Hauser, Idaho; one niece, Robyn Z. Shear of Minneapolis, Minnesota; one nephew, Darren M. Zychek of Pack, Idaho; and several cousins.

A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements under the direction of Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

TD

“ Grew up with John in the 1950,s at St Hedwig,Niles Illinois. Spent much time talking about rocks and minerals.use to hunt for Fools Gold and fossels.He use to look for turtles all the time.Him and i use to call each other on our birthdays every year. John will truly be missed. Ted Decker

Ted Decker - September 29, 2021 at 02:38 PM

DP

“ John was a truly great friend. I was a biology grad student at A&I and never had a class with him. However, he would hang out in the doorway next door with his big smile and friendly quips. Of course when were learned he had a house full of snakes and turtles, that was it. Myself and several other biology grads spent much time over there. I even smuggled some of his snakes to Indiana to donate to a biology class. Life wasn't always fair to John and he appeared to live a lonely life, but he quietly kept on, making his own happiness. He was a great example to many of us and I will miss him.

Dave Peterson - September 09, 2021 at 04:55 PM

TR

“ TAMMY RIVAS lit a candle in memory of Dr. John J. Delimata



TAMMY RIVAS - July 20, 2021 at 06:02 PM

OW

“ Dr. Delimata long remains one of my favorite professors! While he was not from my degree department, he so made Geology "come to life" with his stories about "critters"! My thoughts are with you during this time.

Ostine Watts - July 16, 2021 at 03:35 PM

JP

“ John was a very special friend. He always had a big smile. He was Dr. Rocks. I am so happy to have meet him and was a good friend. He will be missed.
John thank you so much for my rocks. May he rest in peace. Til next time...



Josie Pinones-Ayala - June 29, 2021 at 12:35 PM

FC

“ Judy and I received the sad news about John's death while we were in the Black Hills of South Dakota. We marveled at the pegmatites and other igneous minerals that John specialized in, which makes our trip a bit bittersweet. We knew of few others who had such extensive knowledge and love for reptiles. We first met John in graduate school at UND while we were both working on our doctorates in geology. After John moved to Texas, we were able to visit him at Kingsville and toured the King Ranch with him.

We had been looking forward to visiting him, but for Covid. John is and was unique and generations of students will miss his love for education and his fostering budding young scientists.

Frank and Judy Caramanica

Frank & Judy Caramanica - June 24, 2021 at 12:35 PM

KM

“ John was a special individual and our periodic telephone conversations will be missed. We met John in graduate school at UND and then worked together in Casper. Faith and I have fond memories of John coming over for Sunday dinners in Casper. He was the only person I know who could give you the chemical formula for any mineral you named.

Ken & Faith Malick

ken malick - June 23, 2021 at 06:30 PM

CC

“ I am so very sorry to learn of our loss of John. I had the pleasure of knowing John when we were both in graduate school at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. I remember John as a quiet unassuming individual who would never insinuate himself into your privacy or a conversation, however, he loved to teach and would happily pass on his knowledge of a subject if you expressed an interest.

Unfortunately our lives took us in different directions after graduate school, but there was a time when John was living in the Denver area and I was able to take my three young boys to visit John and let him fascinate them with his many "pets" that he had in his house. One of my sons was expressing an interest in a deer antler, and as was typical of John he gave it to him.

I was so pleased to learn of John's many friends in Kingsville. I know he will be dearly missed by them all.

Charley Cook

Charley Cook - June 23, 2021 at 01:48 PM

JM

“ I have many special memories of John from my childhood. He was a frequent visitor for Thanksgiving and we really enjoyed hearing his stories. I remember him bringing turtles with him one year and he would always bring home some nice leaves for their habitat. He was very entertaining and would call our after Thanksgiving dinner walk the "Death March" as we waddled around the neighborhood before settling in to have pie.



He always brought special rocks for us and gave me a beautiful set of rock chess pieces for my wedding. When I moved to the east coast, I was not able to see him anymore, but we still kept in touch via Christmas cards. I always looked forward to getting his reply and hearing about what he was up to.

He was a kind and funny man and will be missed by many.

Jennifer McGee - June 23, 2021 at 08:19 AM

YD

“ John was a dear and trusted friend of our family for many years. He will always remain in our hearts and memories. We celebrated many Christmas and Thanksgiving meals together. John patiently entertained and educated our grandchildren (and us) with his expertise in geology! When we remodeled our house, John was there every day to lend a helping hand. He was a kind and giving man with a hardy hug, a firm hand shake and a giving heart. John, you are always with us.

Yvonne and Lee Durbin - June 22, 2021 at 11:25 AM

AB

“ John was a friend in the neighborhood, who will be dearly missed. We will remember the good times we had together. John gave us a rock, petrified palm wood, that we put in our garden. We will remember John when we see his rock. Sorry for your lose.

Anne and Scott Bucy - June 21, 2021 at 08:25 AM

PC

“ John was a very unique person. He gave Allan and I rocks that we cherish, especially the Cumberlandite one. He also gave us a piece of his cactus to plant that grew to 20 feet. We have get memories of our breakfast times with him at El Tapatio. John, Allan and Vic worked many hours together helping the Sisters of the Incarnate Word at Bluntzer and renovations on the Durbin home. I (Patricia) will miss his big bear hugs.
May the Lord bless him.
Our sympathy to your family in this time of loss.
Allan and Patricia Cumberland

PATRICIA CUMBERLAND - June 20, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LA

“ I am sorry for your loss, and I want you to know that John's presence will be missed in our neighborhood as we lived near each other for over a quarter of a century. Through the years we had many conversations but seeing him enjoy the church grounds behind our homes was where I would see him most of the time for his daily walks. May he rest in peace.

Leo Alarcon

I will be praying for strength, peace, and comfort for you and your family.

Leo Alarcon - June 19, 2021 at 06:25 PM

TO

“ *Ron & Leticia Owen*
John will be missed around our neighborhood. We enjoyed his visits and friendship. He was unique and thoughtful. Condolences to all his family.

Tish Owen - June 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM

FR

“ *John has been one of my best friends for almost 50years. He was a was a very special person and very loyal, generous and caring. John and I had a 20 or 30 minute phone conversation every Thursday for over thirty years and I will miss that.*

Some of my best memories of john are of rock hounding trips to the Black Hills particularly to the Tin Mountain mine which was his favorite place. Another great memory from the time we lived in Casper, Wyoming were the Sunday morning get togethers for breakfast at the Village Inn. We all looked forward to those.

Francis Rakow

Francis Rakow - June 19, 2021 at 02:18 PM

MK

“ *Dr. Rocks
Will miss your humor.
Thanks for being such a good friend and buddy to my husband
Charlie. He enjoyed all your trips to Harbor Fright in Corpus Christi .
Also all your visits to the hospital and nursing home.
It kept him laughing when you visited. Thanks for all the reading
material and all my rocks.
Have a great time with Charlie going to Harbor Fright in the
heavenly sky.*

Margie Kalinec - June 18, 2021 at 06:56 PM

DP

“ *John was a special neighbor and friend to us. Such a unique and
learned man, who loved to share books and stories and opinions.
We will miss him greatly. Condolences to his sister, brother,
nephew, and niece!*

Don and Mary Parker - June 18, 2021 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Don & Mary Parker lit a candle in memory of
Dr. John J. Delimata*



Don & Mary Parker - June 18, 2021 at 05:43 PM